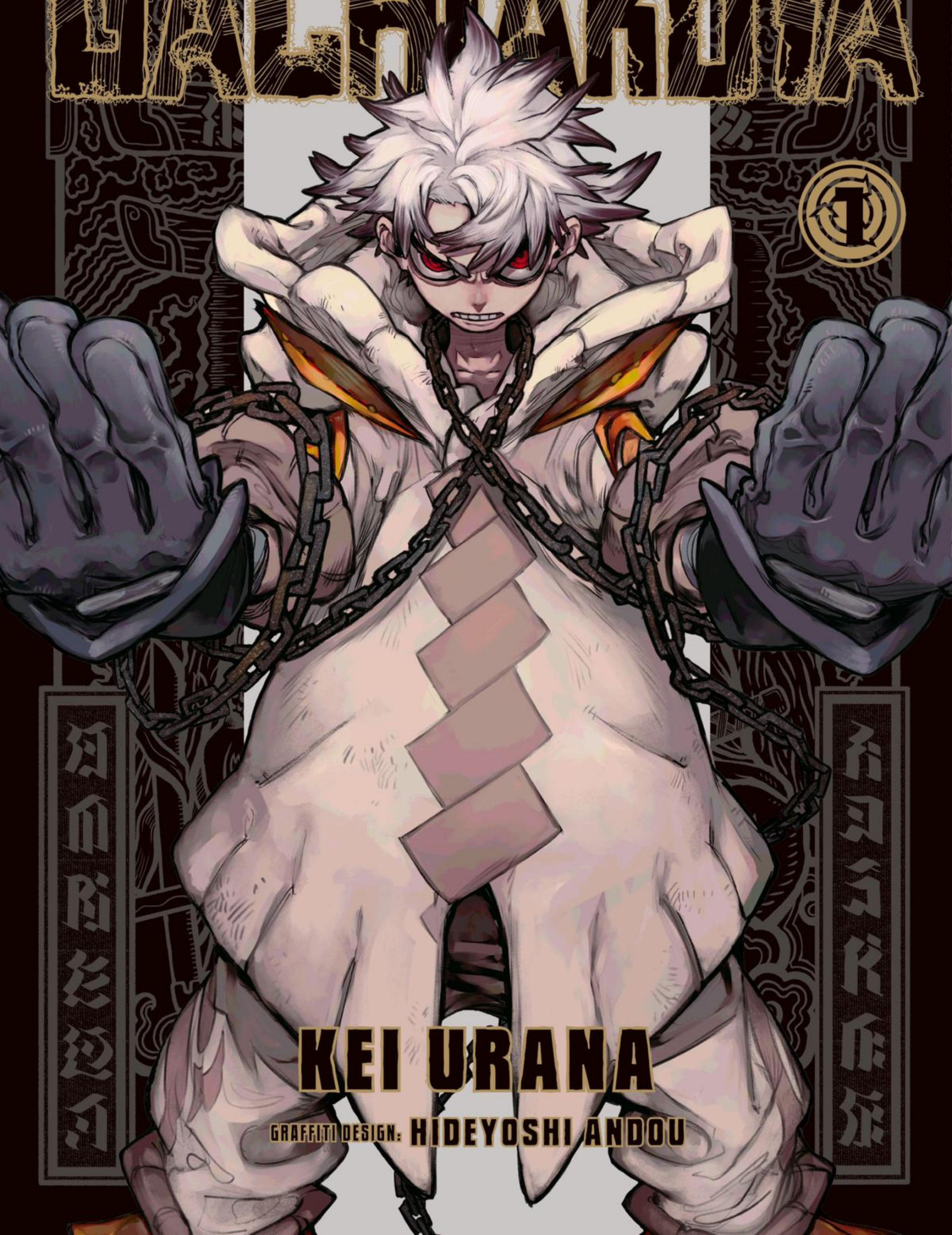


GRAFFITI



KEI URANA

GRAFFITI DESIGN: **HIDEYOSHI ANDOU**

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...IT IS
EVENTUALLY
IMBUED
WITH A
SOUL.

THEY SAY
THAT WHEN
AN OBJECT
IS WELL
LOVED...



SO THEN
WHAT ABOUT
GARBAGE—
TRASH—
THAT'S BEEN
THROWN
AWAY...?



WHAT
IS THAT
IMBUED
WITH?



CHAPTER 1: THE SPHERE

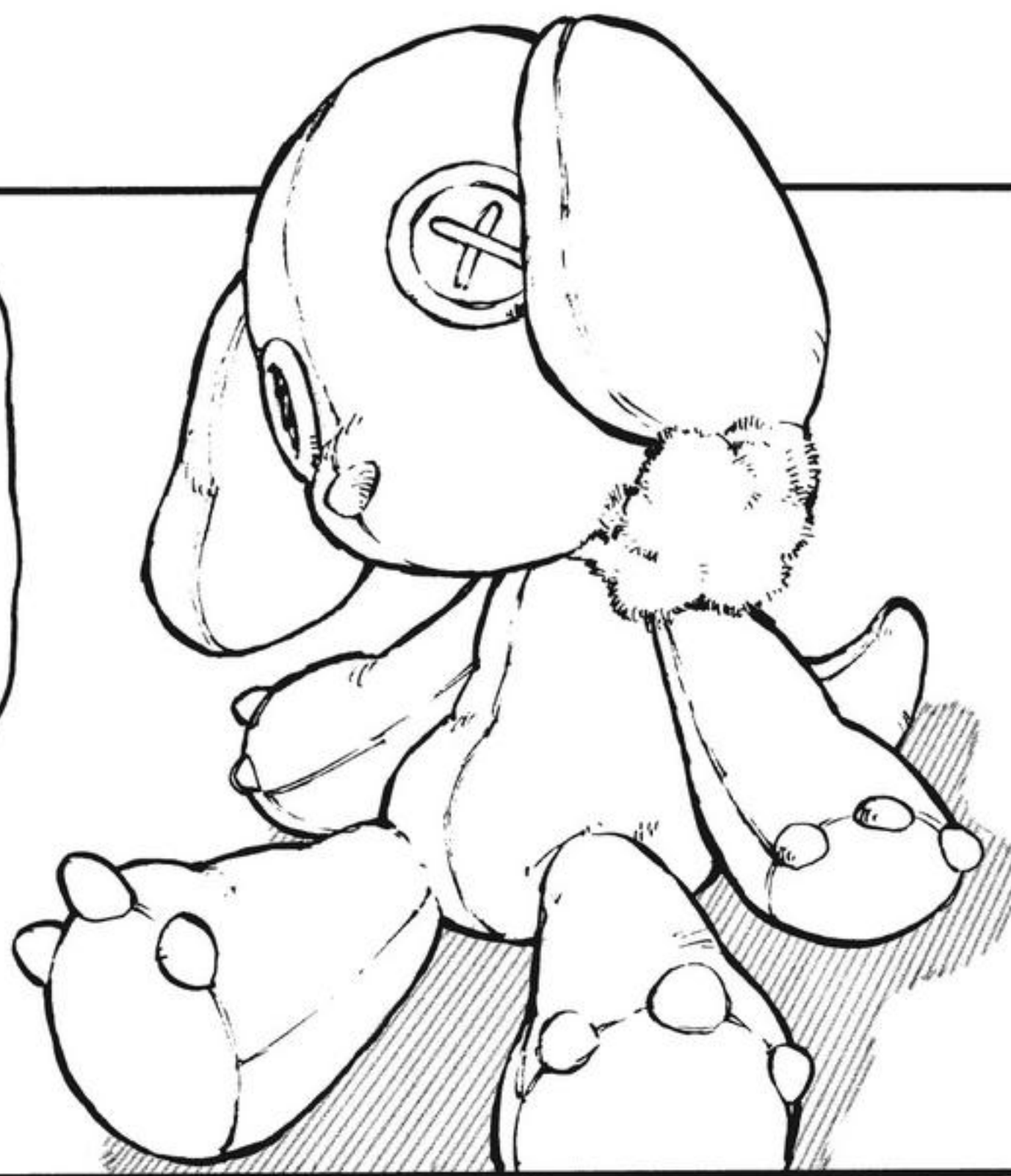
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AWWW...



MY
PUPPY'S
ALL
RIPPED...

I'M SURE
IT WON'T
LOOK AS
NICE IF WE
SEW IT
BACK UP...

AND
IT WAS
BRAND NEW,
TOO. WHAT
A SHAME.



OH,
WELL!

WHY
DON'T WE
JUST THROW
IT AWAY AND
GET YOU A
NEW ONE?

'KAY.

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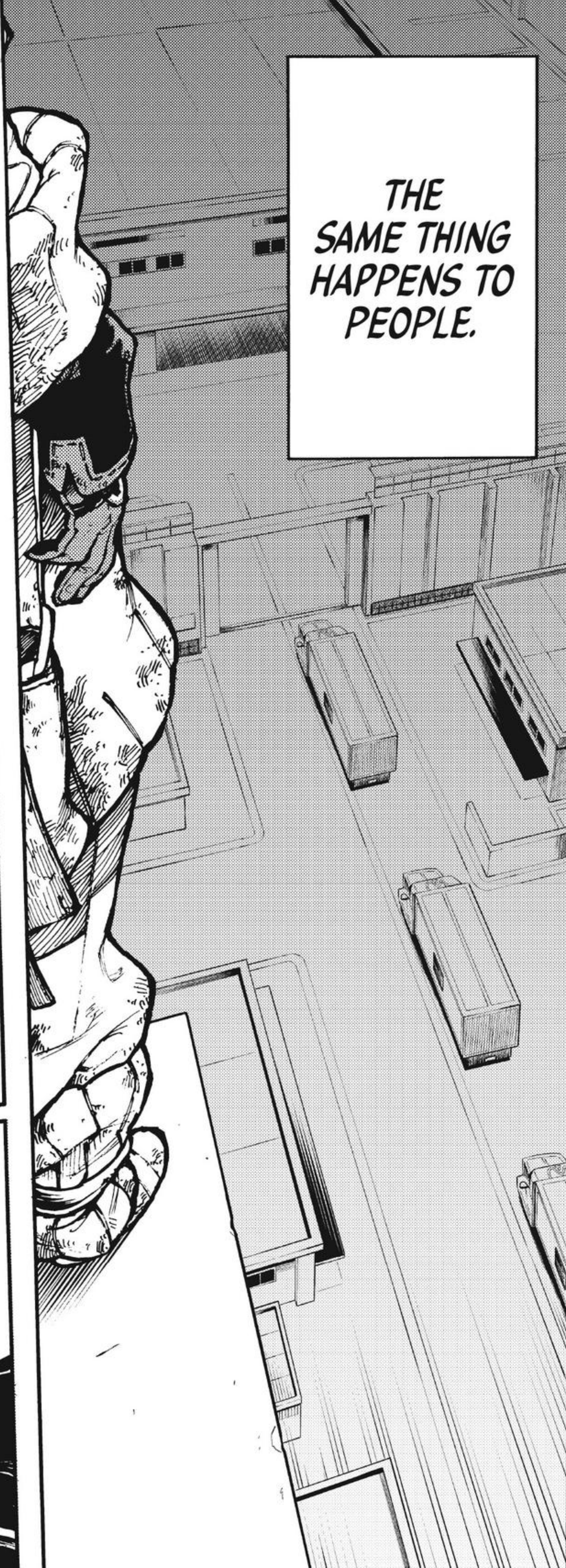
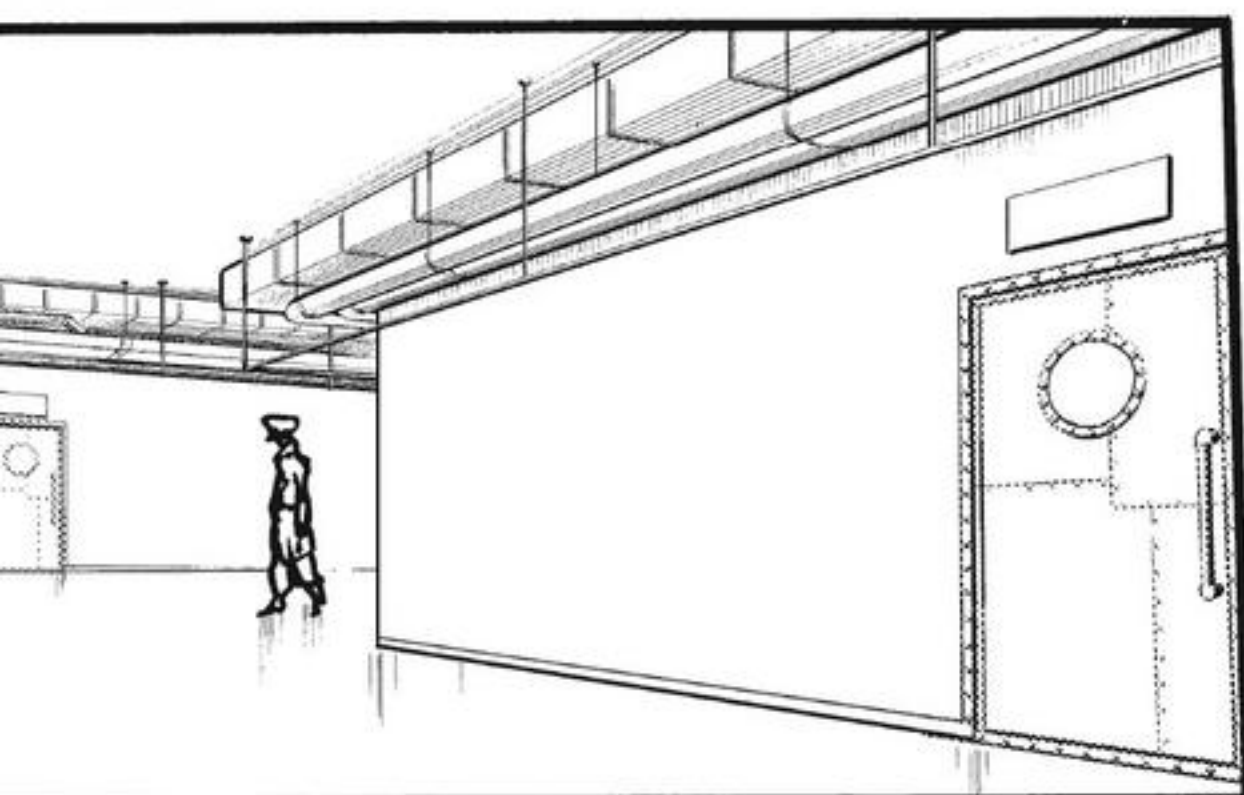
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TEE HEE!
SURE,
SURE.

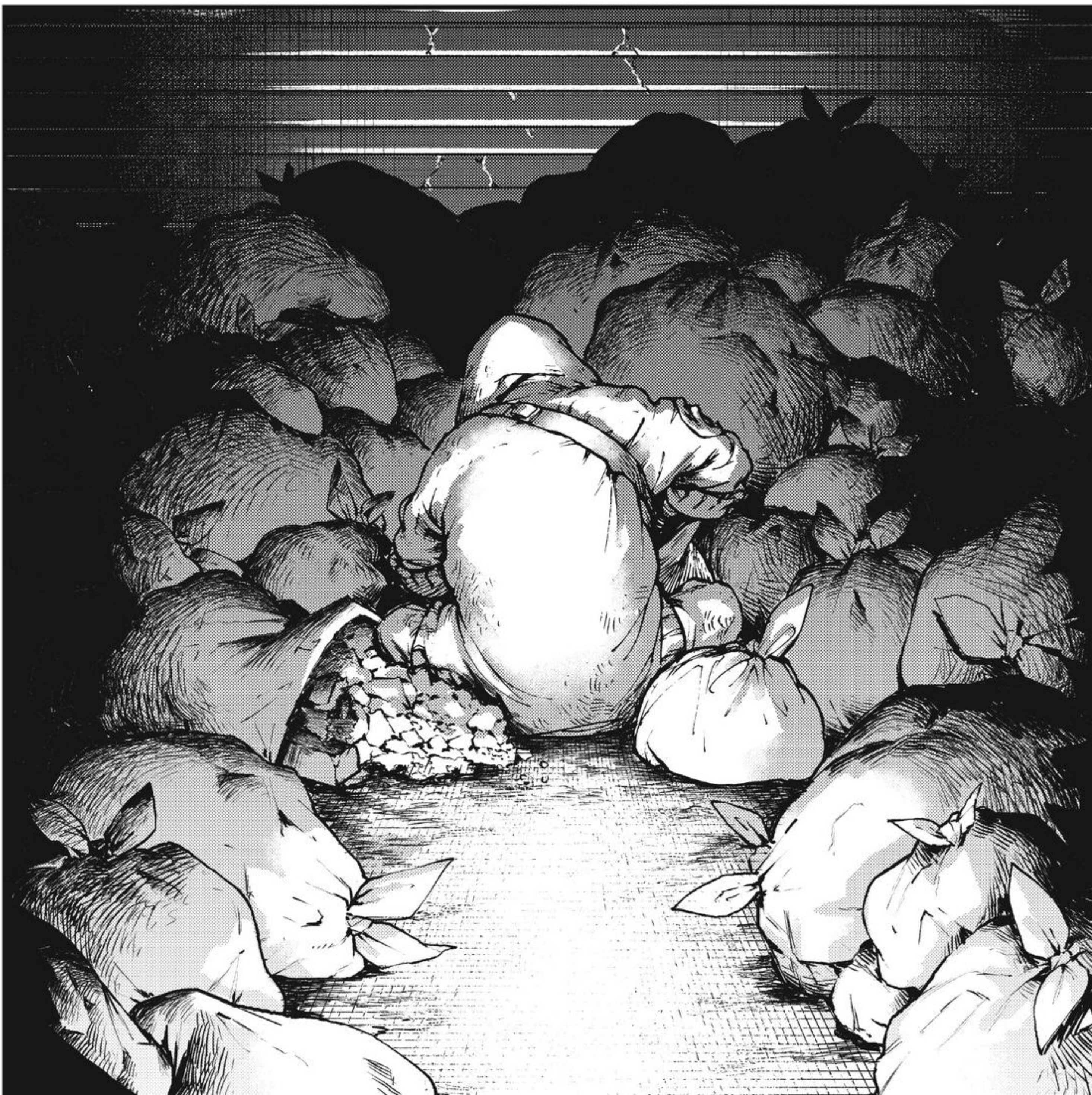
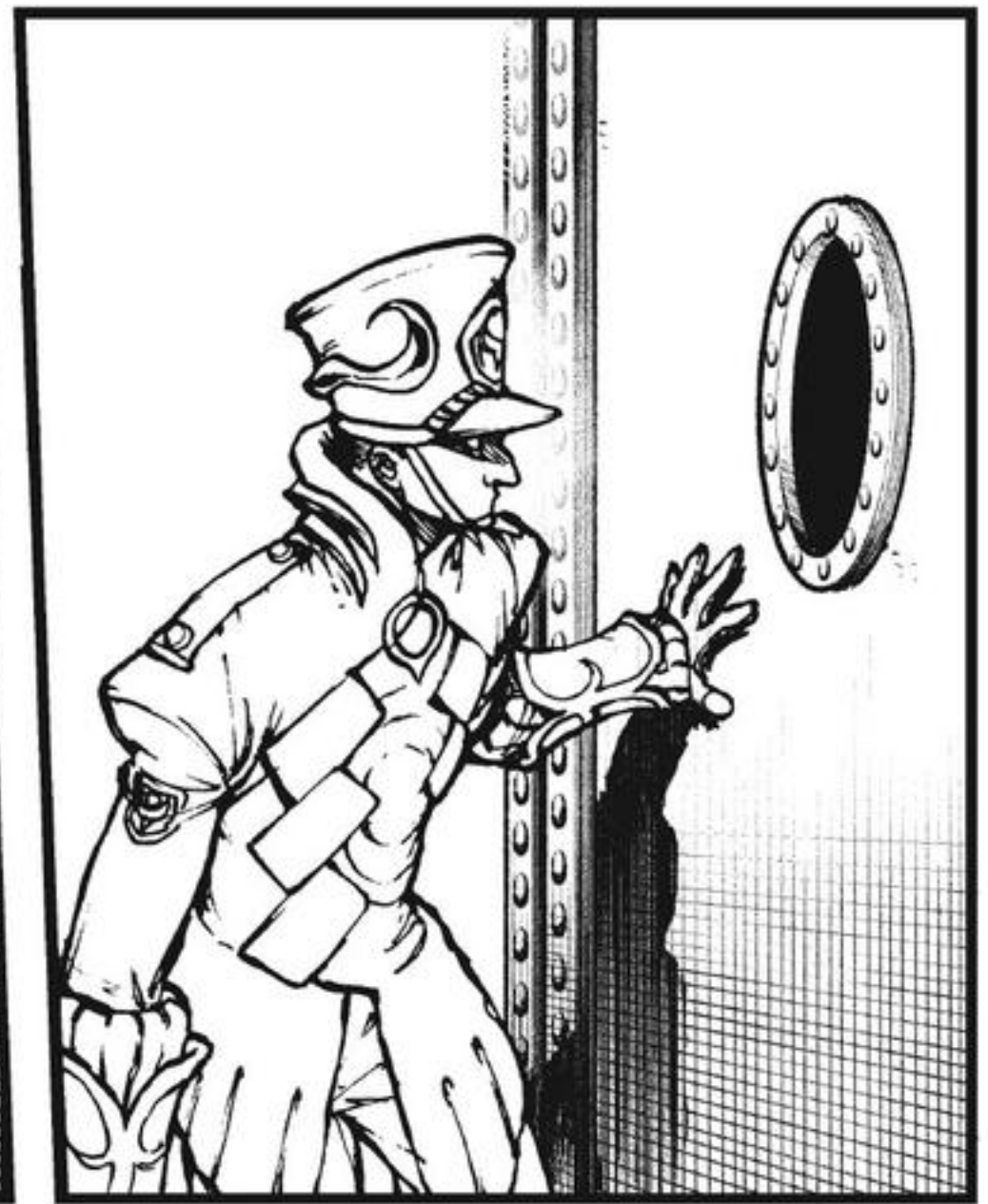
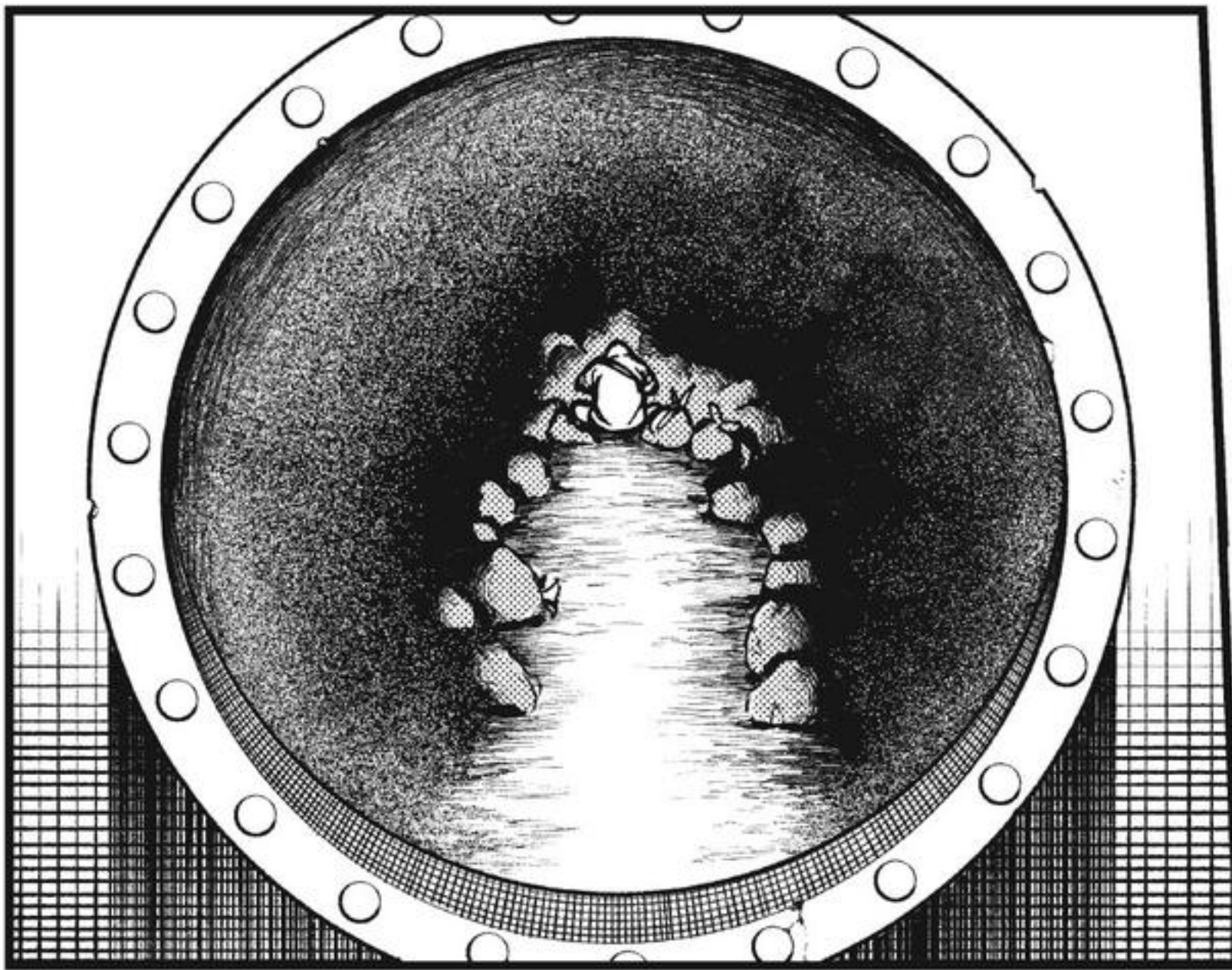


THEN THOSE THINGS ARE TREATED AS FILTHY...

...AND NO ONE
EVER FINDS
WORTH IN
THEM AGAIN.



THE
SAME THING
HAPPENS TO
PEOPLE.







WAIT...



THAT FILTHY
LOWLIFE
WHO CARTS
AWAY TRASH,
THREATENING
THE BEAUTY
OF OUR TOWN!

IT'S YOU!
YOU'RE THE
TRASH RAIDER
FROM THE
REPORTS!

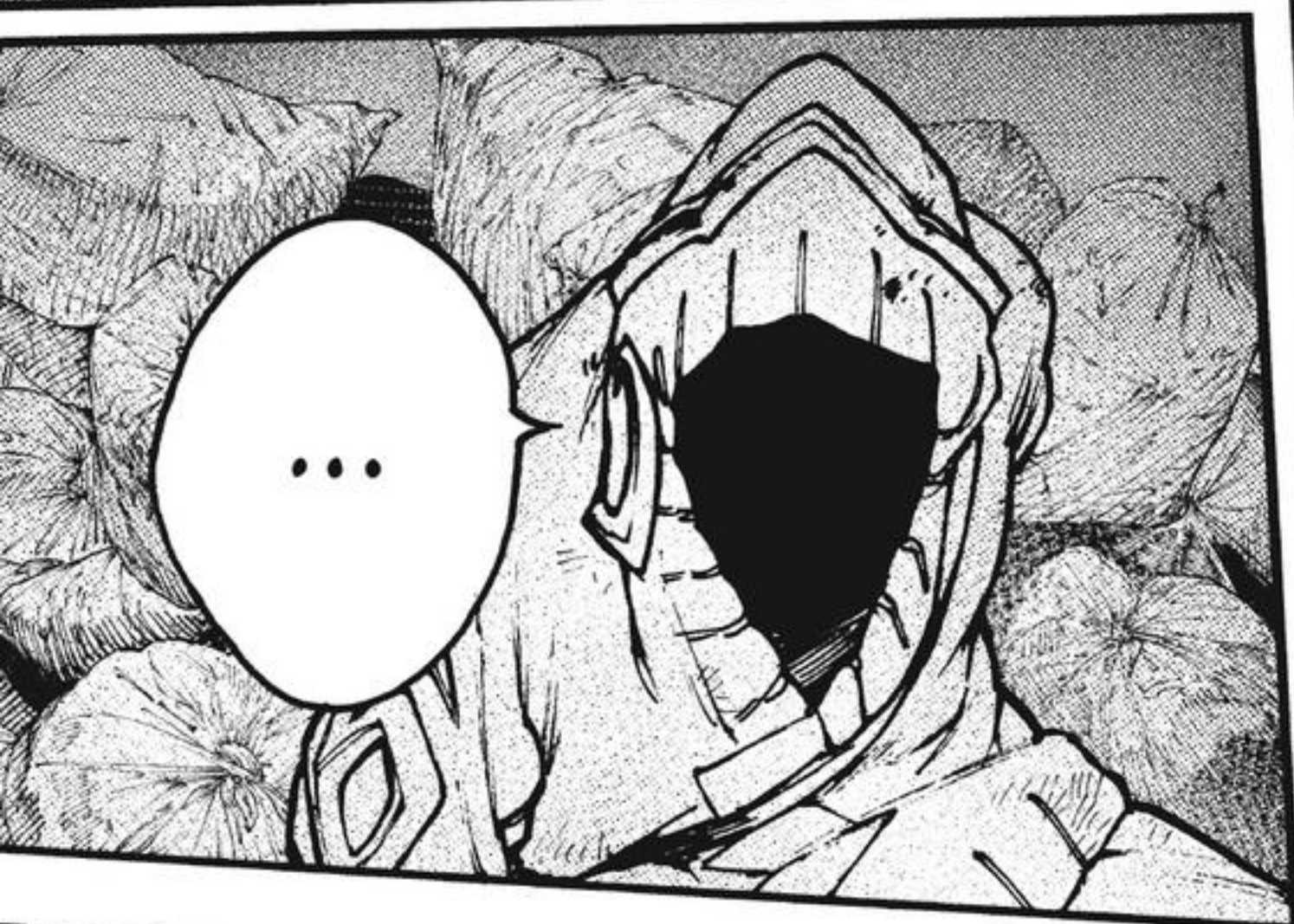


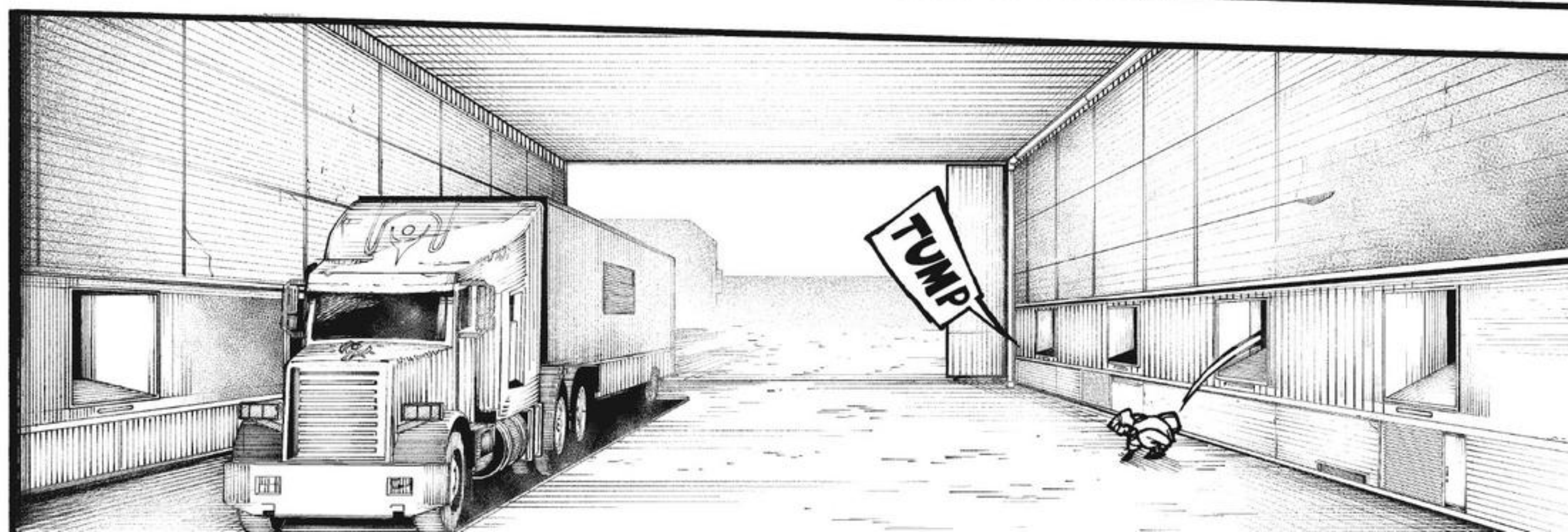
CLICK

I WON'T
LET YOU
GET AWAY!



NOW
COME
QUIETLY!



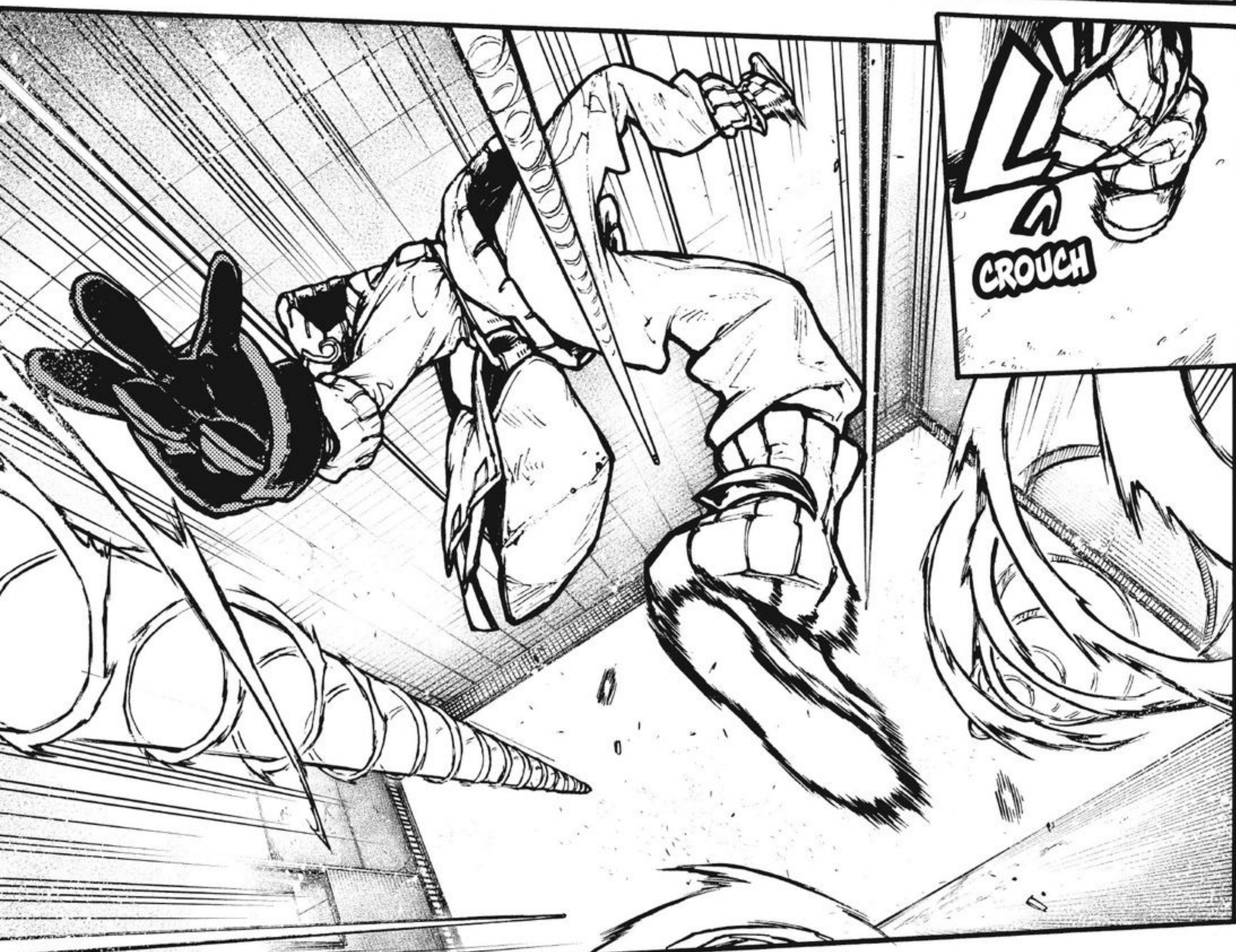




DON'T
LET HIM
GET
AWAY!



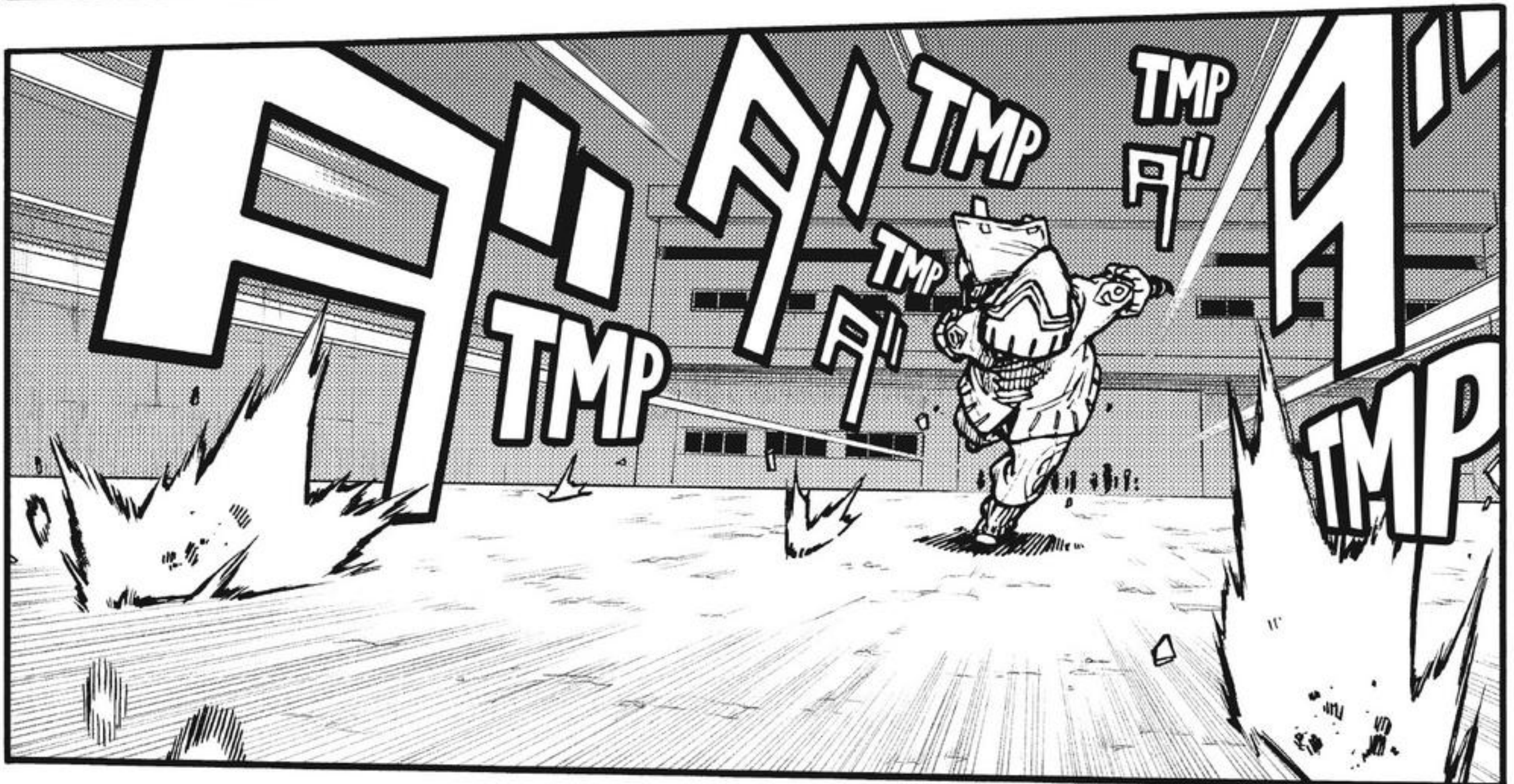
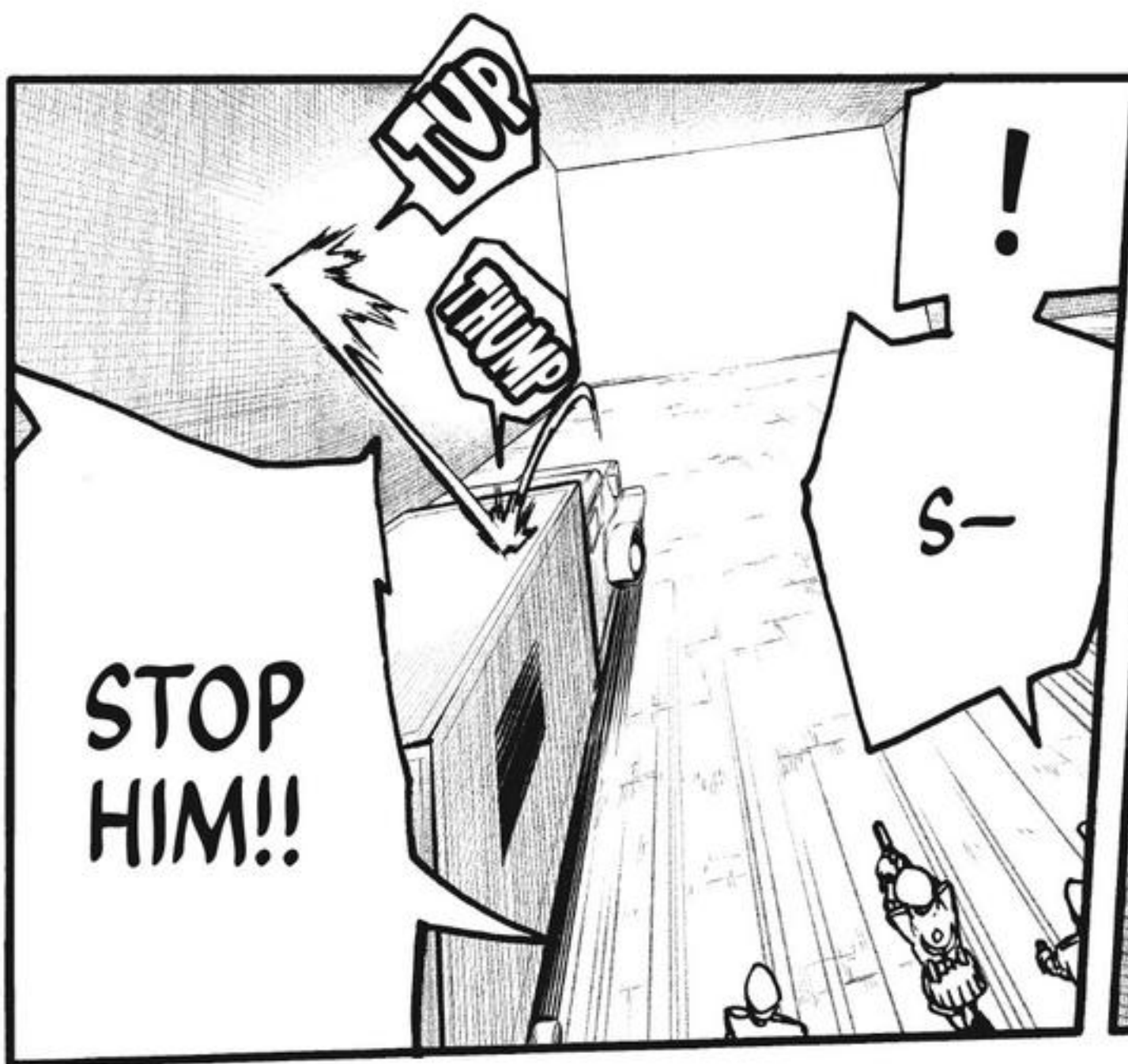
THERE
HE IS!

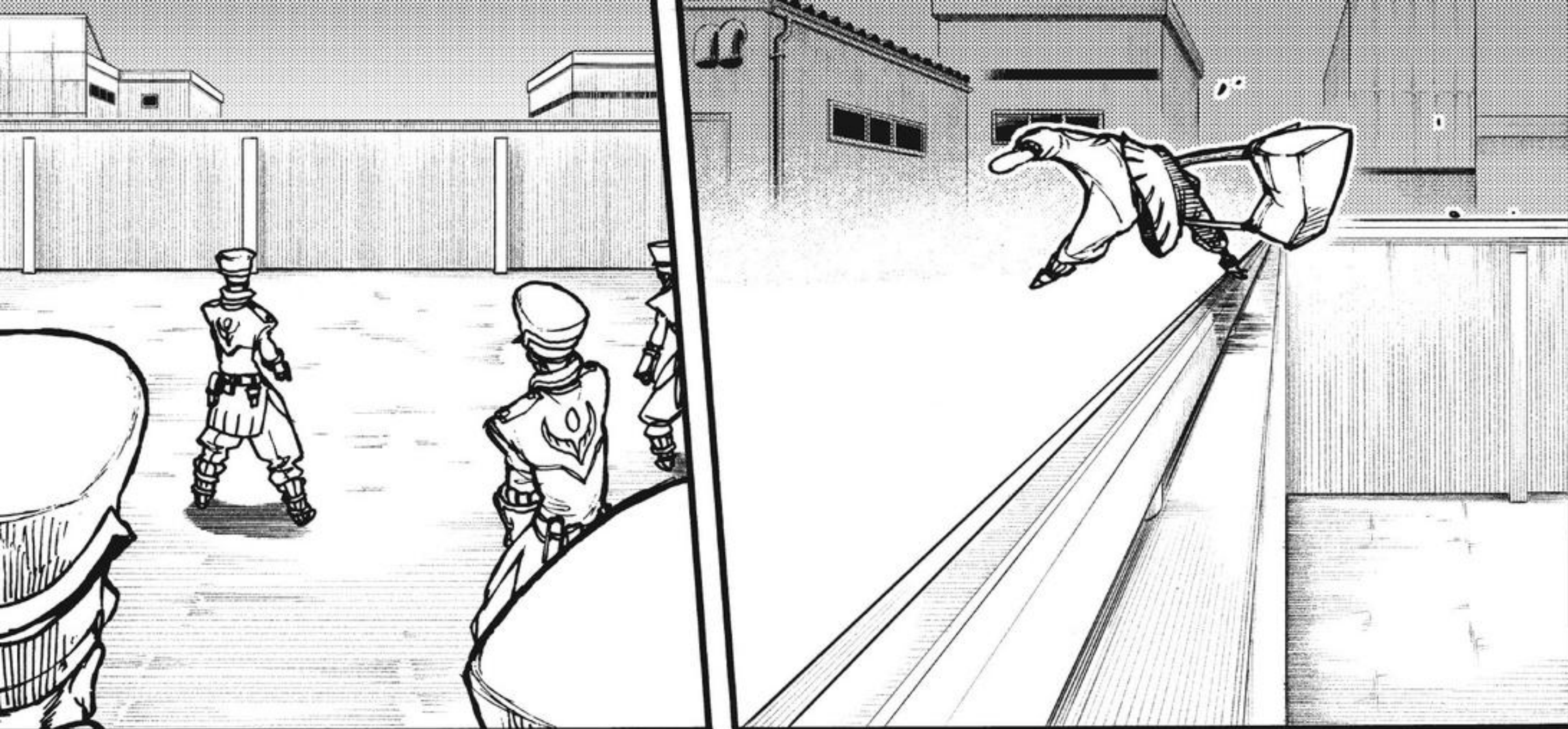


CROUCH

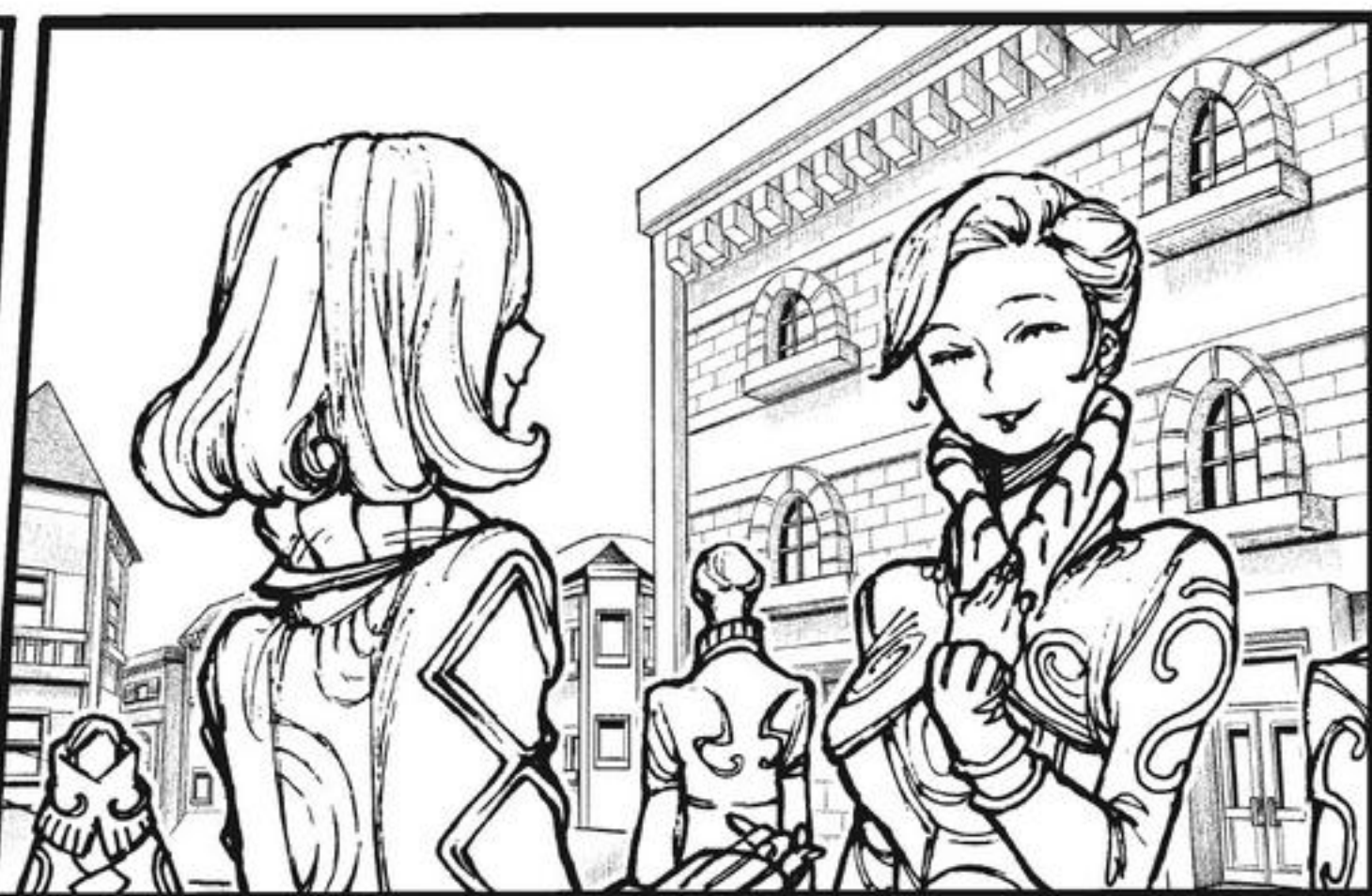
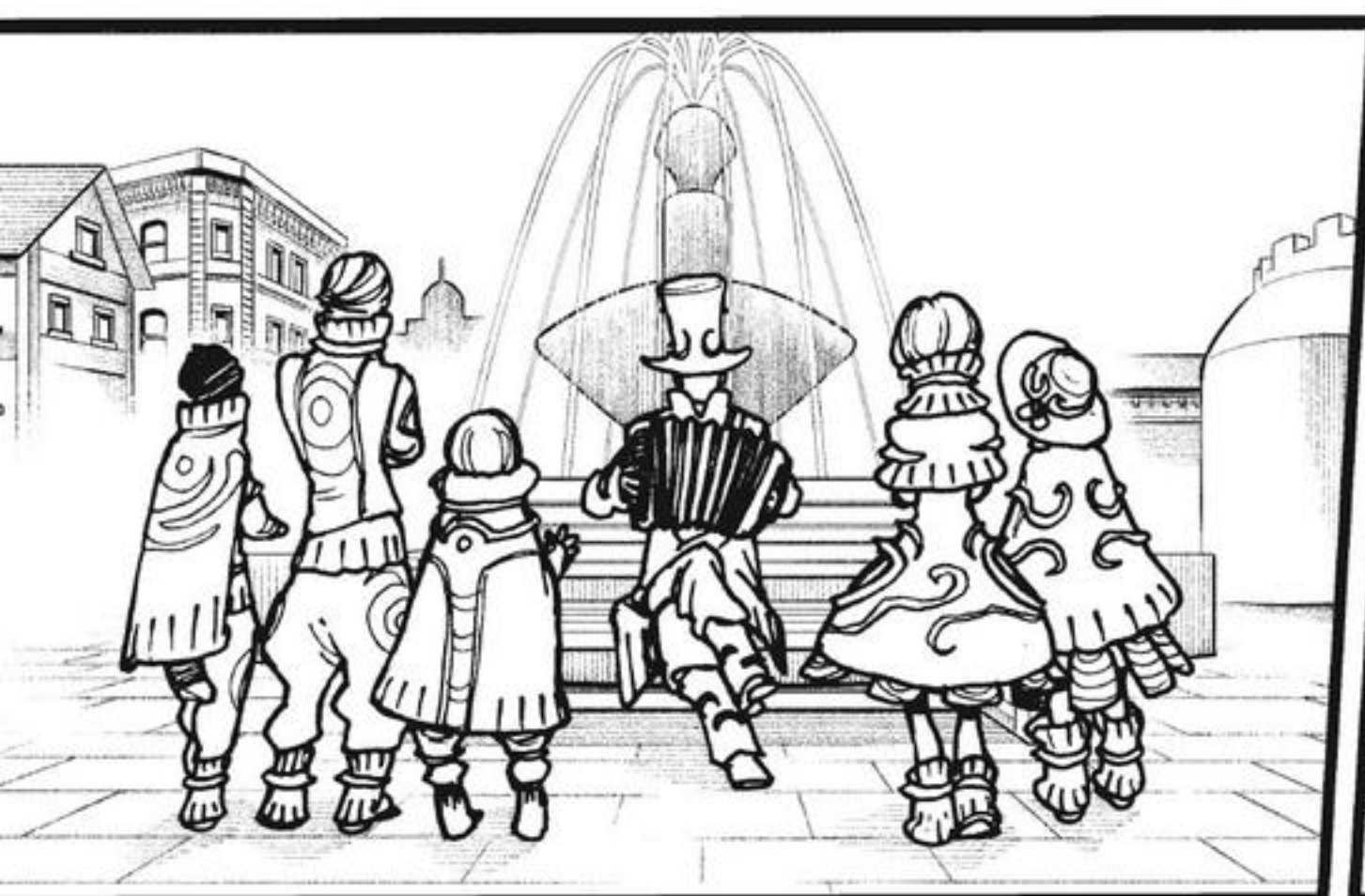


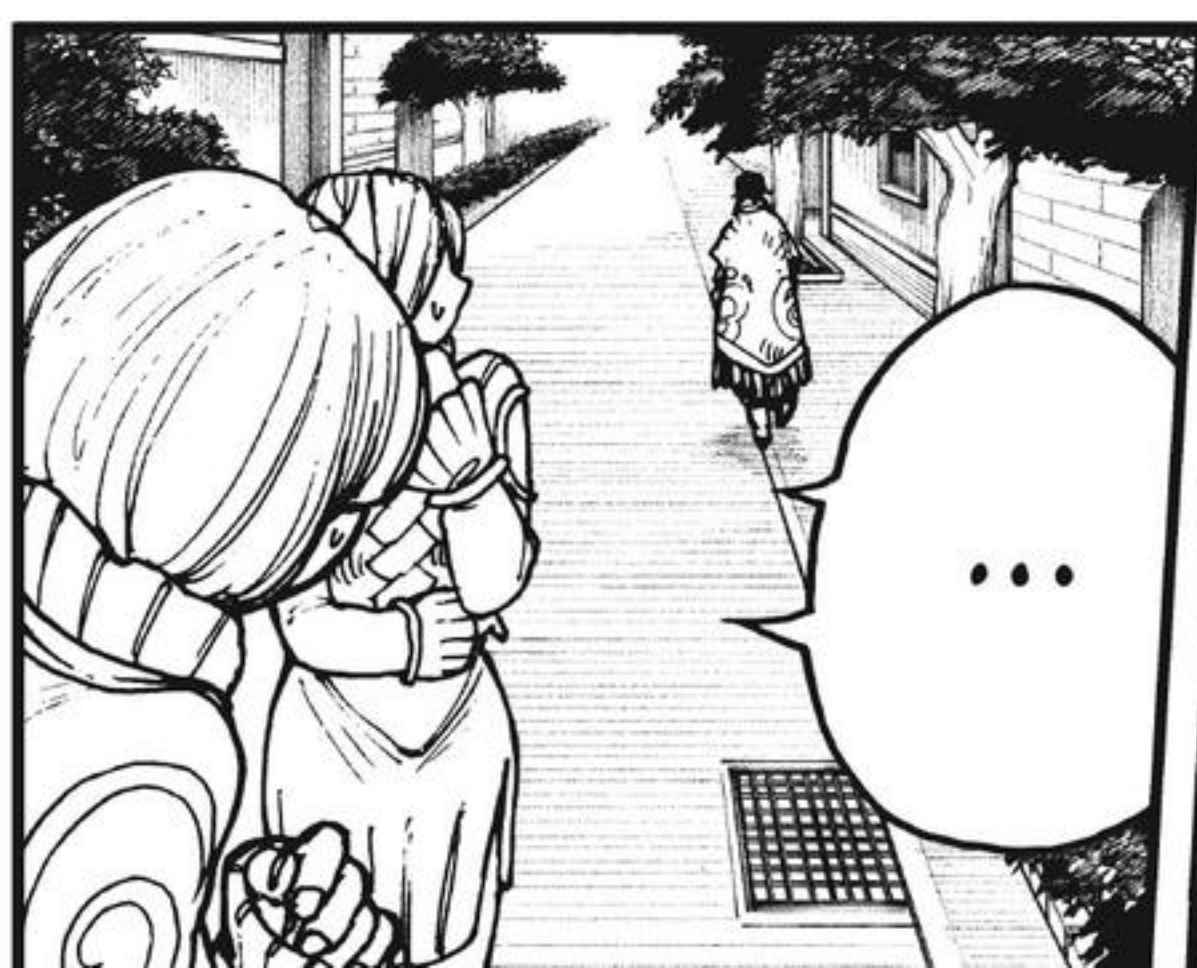
WHA...?!













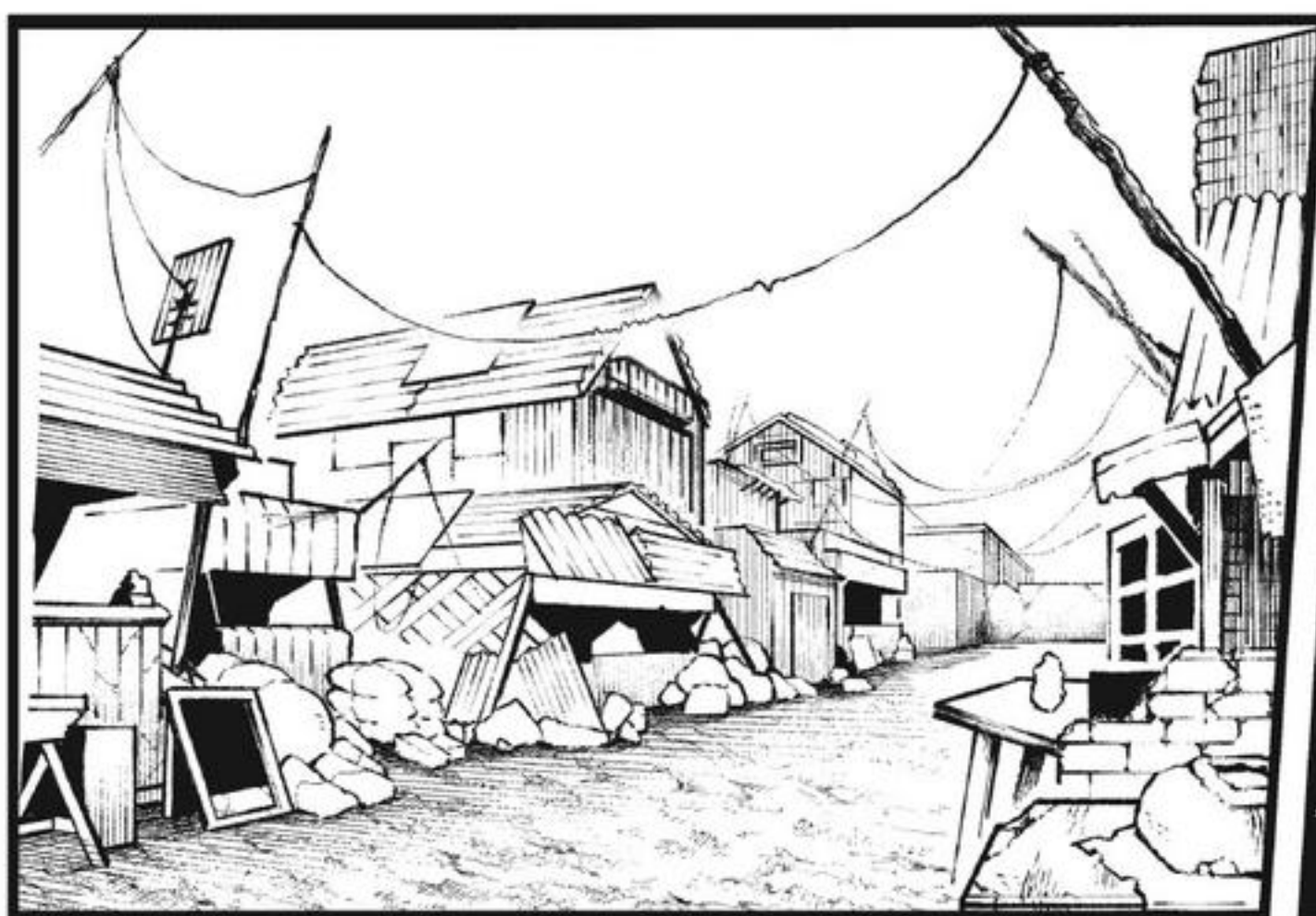
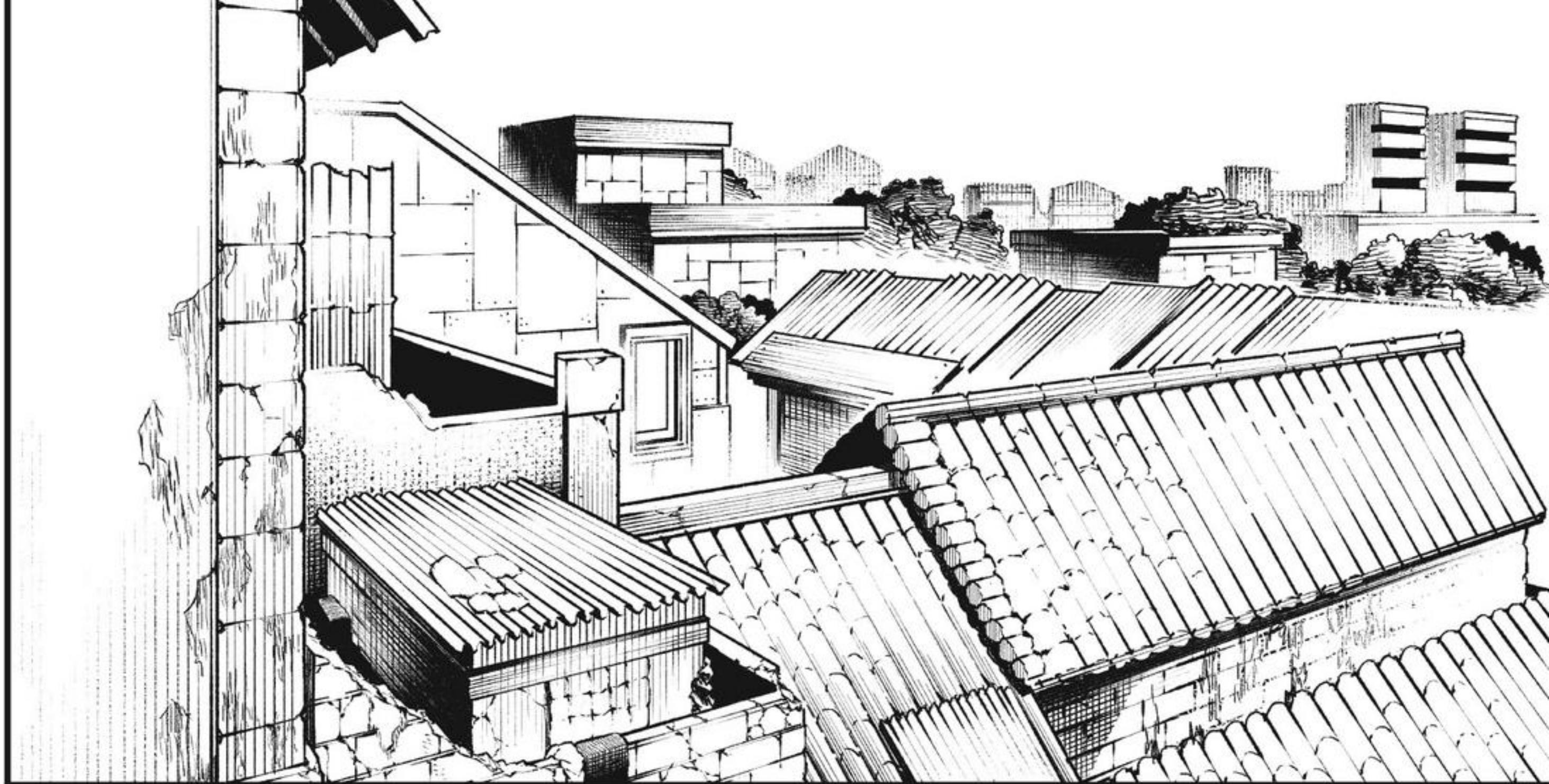
EW, HIS
CLOTHES
ARE SO
DIRTY.

HE'S
ONE OF
THEM...

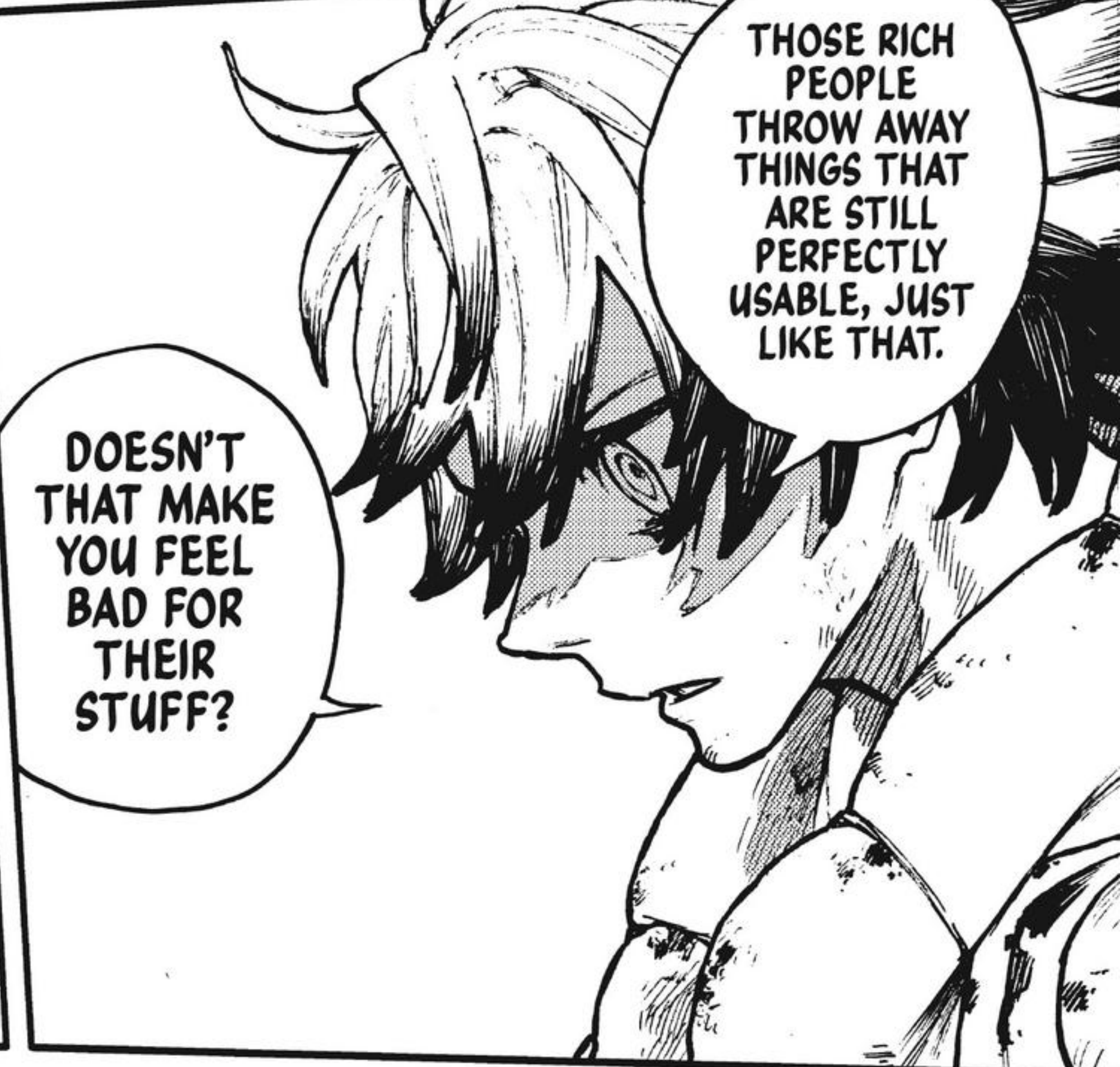
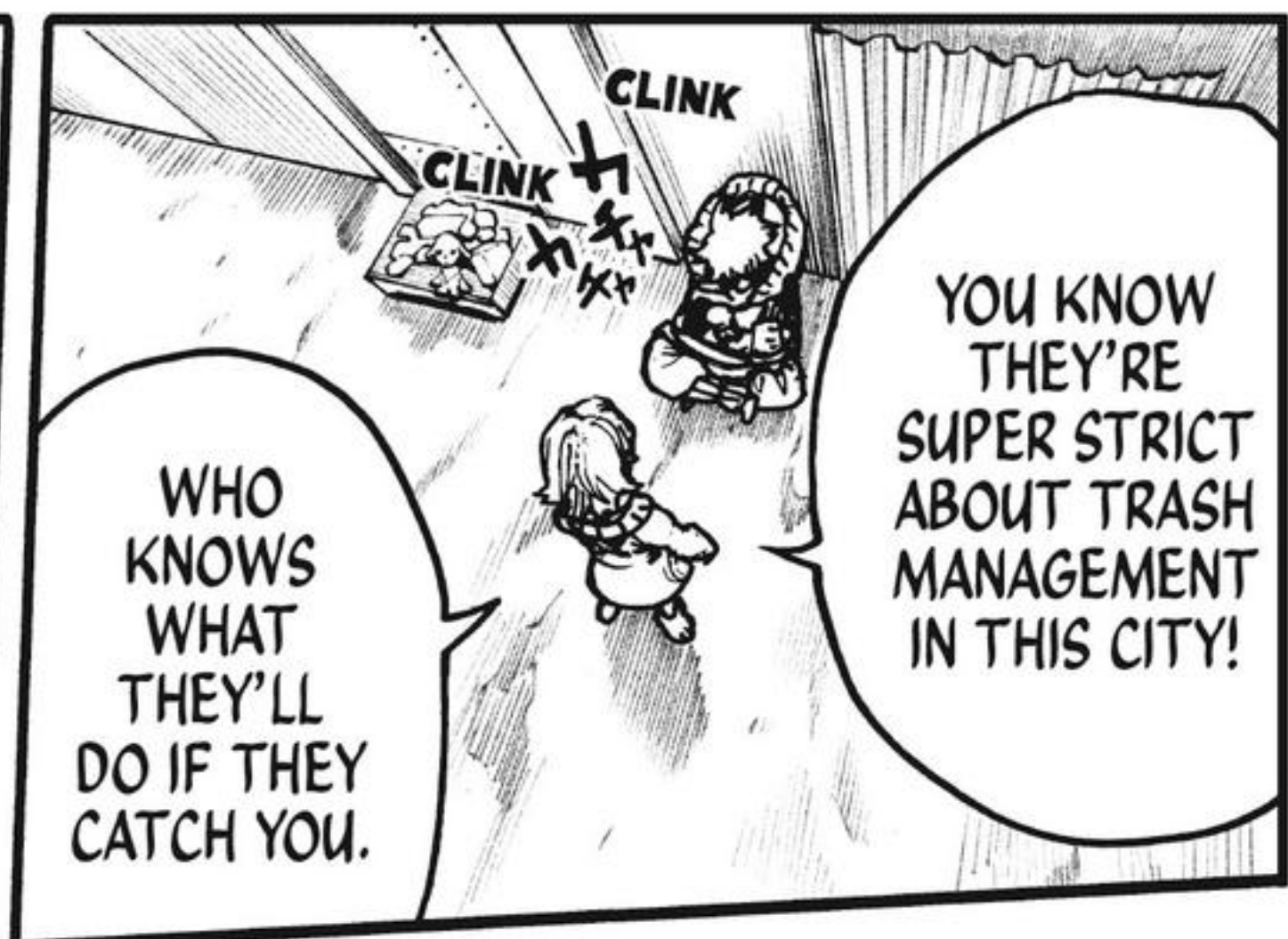


I WISH THEY
WOULD STAY
ON THEIR SIDE
OF TOWN.

RATIE









OH HEY,
CHIWA'S
HERE TOO!

WHAT
D'YOU
WANT?



LEAN

JUST,
YOU'LL STINK
LIKE HIM IF
YOU KEEP
HANGING
AROUND,
Y'KNOW?

WHAT?



'SPECIALLY
RIGHT HERE!
STINKS LIKE A
DUMPSTER!



LOOK LIKE
THEY'D GIVE
YA A RASH
JUST FROM
TOUCHING 'EM.

HEH HEH
HEH.

I MEAN,
HE'S ALWAYS
WEARIN' THOSE
GROSS, FILTHY,
BEAT-UP
GLOVES.



STILL,
I THINK YOU
OUGHTA QUIT
HANGING OUT
WITH HIM.

SO WHAT?
IT'S NOT
LIKE WE'RE
MUCH
DIFFERENT!



AND HAVE YOU
SEEN WHAT'S
UNDER THOSE
THINGS?

IT'S SO
GROSS.



...THE
SON OF A
RUTHLESS
KILLER!

Y'KNOW,
SINCE
HE'S...



THAT'S
WHY WE ALL
WORK OUR ASSES
OFF, KEEPIN' OUR
NOSES CLEAN—TO
GET RID OF THAT
NEGATIVE IMAGE.

THEY SAY
THIS SLUM WAS
ORIGINALLY BUILT
TO LOCK UP
CRIMINALS, AND
WE'RE THEIR
DESCENDANTS...



SO IF YA
STICK
AROUND
...

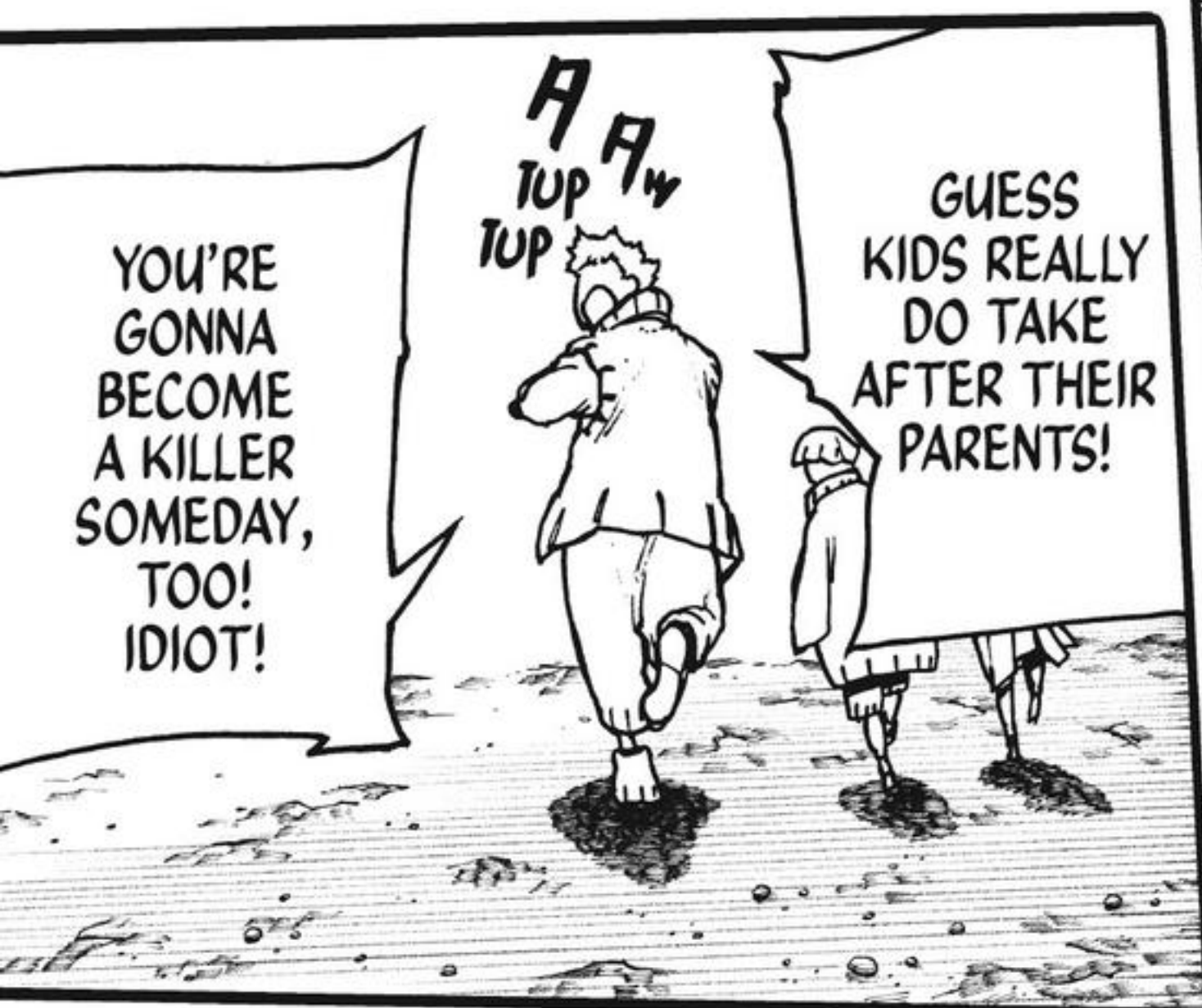
PEOPLE
ARE GONNA
THINK YOU'RE
JUST AS BAD
AS—



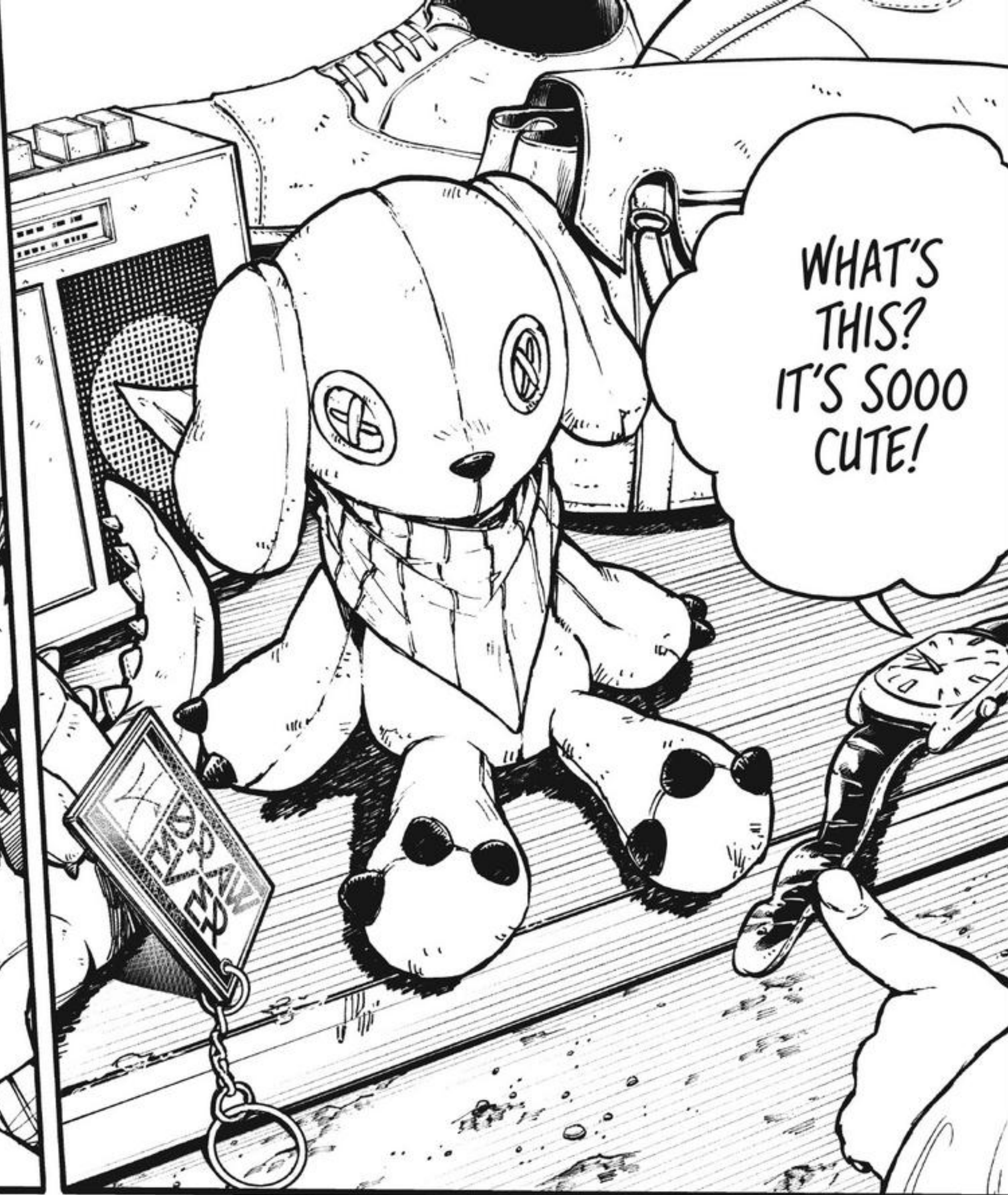
BUT
ALL THAT
EFFORT'S
GONE DOWN
THE DRAIN...

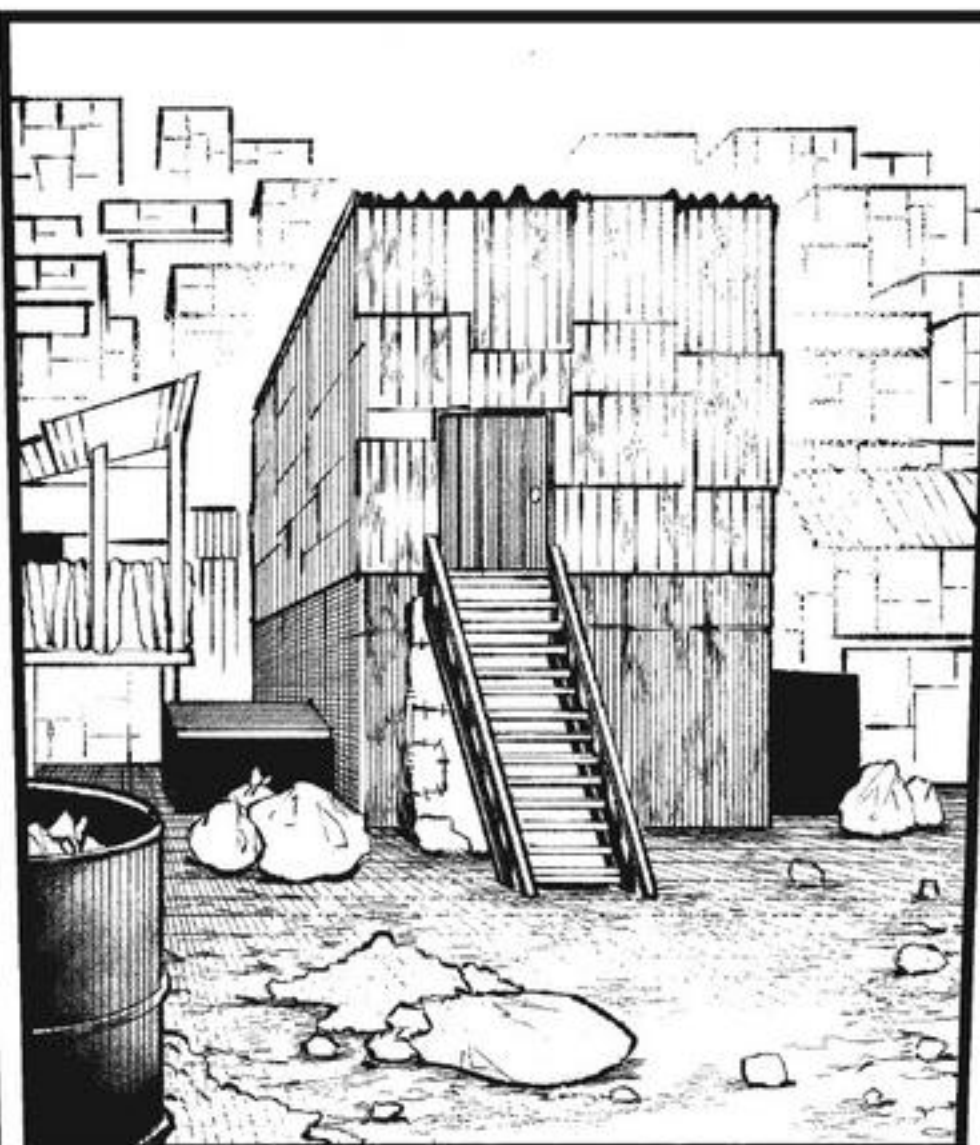
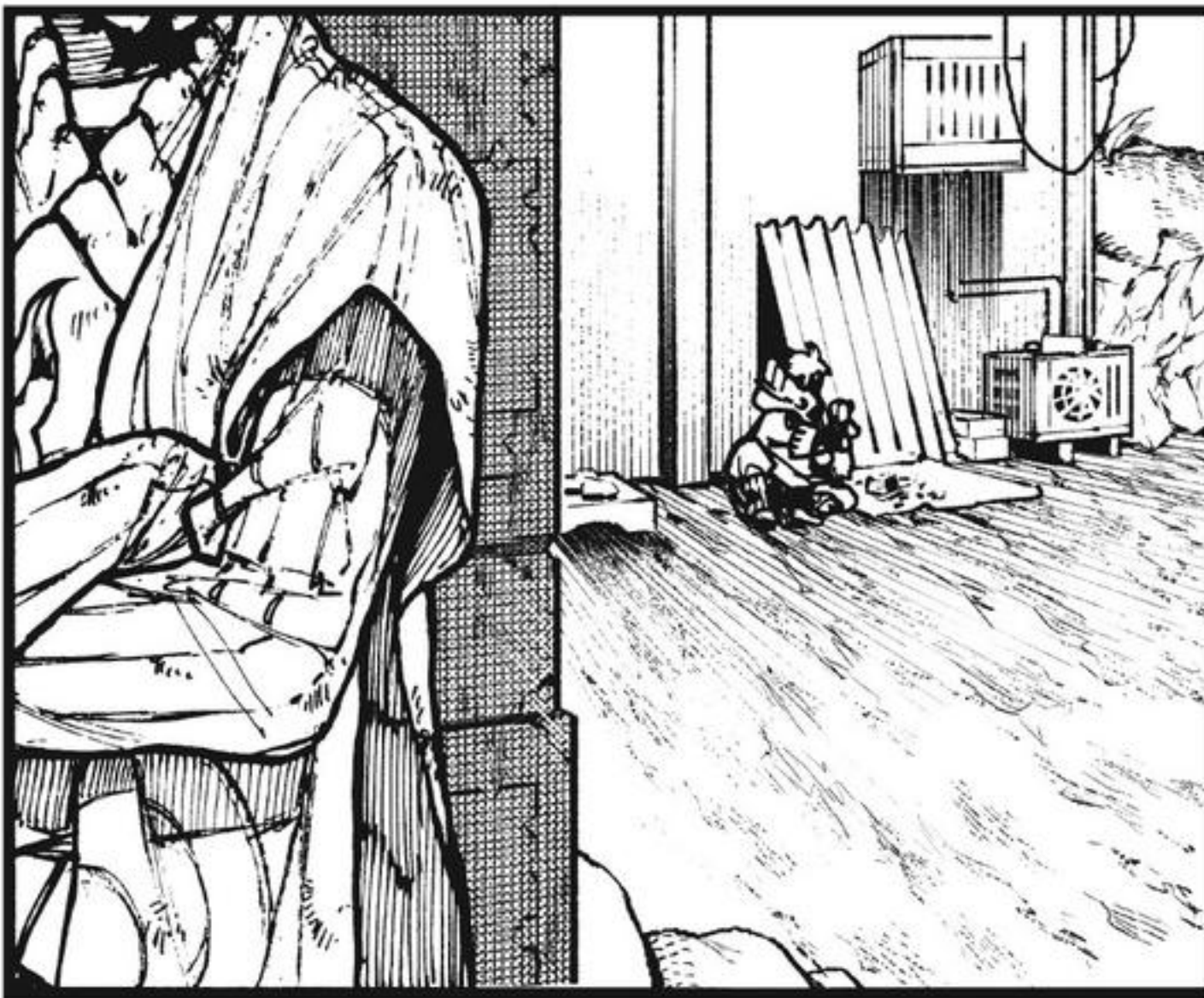
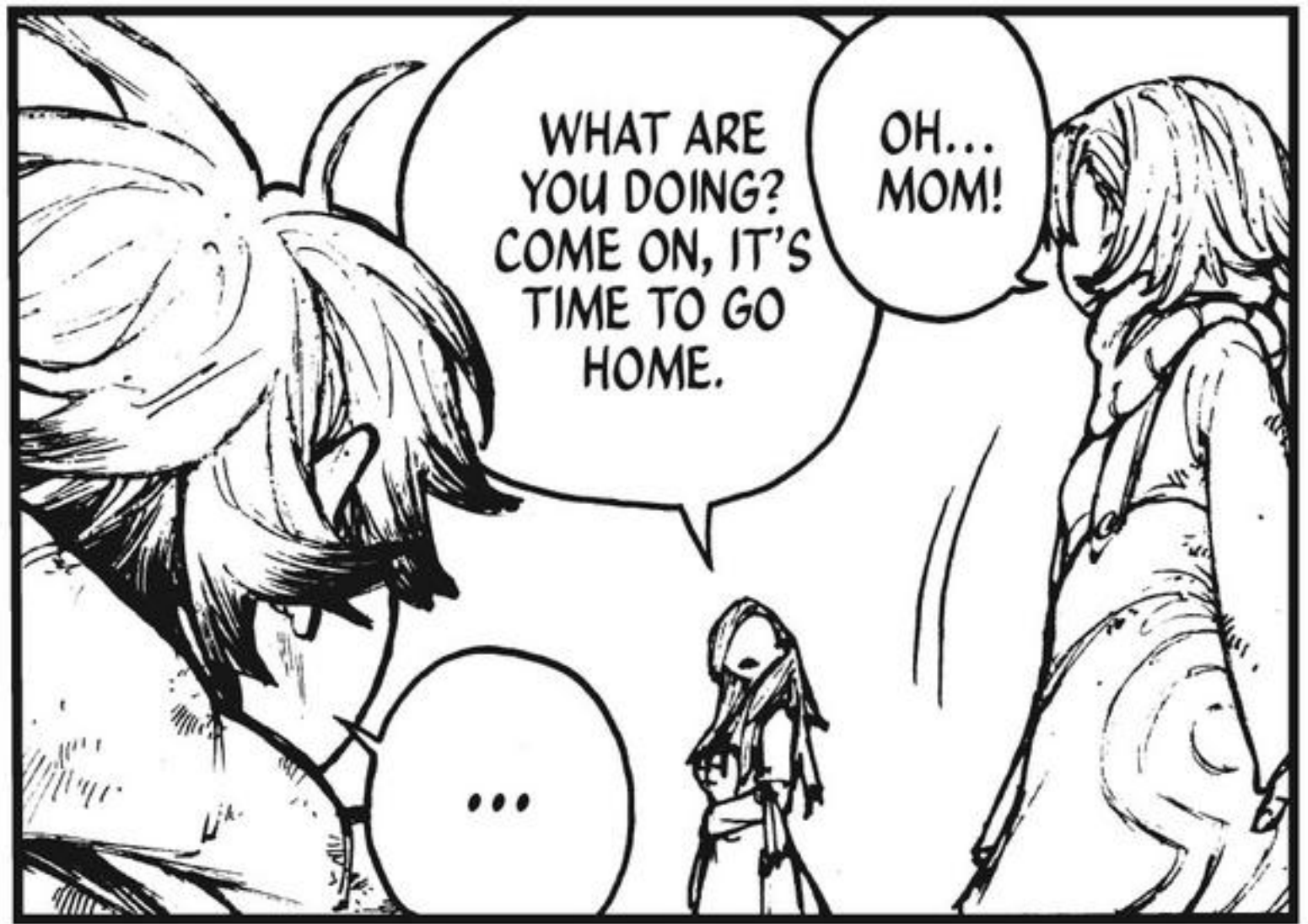


... 'CAUSE *HIS*
DAD WENT
AND KILLED
SOMEONE!











"I-IT'S NOT TO SELL."

"IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FOR..."

WHAT WAS THAT?
HEH HEH.

REGTO!!

YOU S-S-SAW THAT ...?

YOU'VE GOTTA SPEAK UP, KID.





WE'RE NOT
RELATED
BY BLOOD.

I KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
THINKING.



IT'S NOT
DANGEROUS.
THEY'VE
NEVER
SEEN ME
BEFORE.

BUT
THEY SAW
YOU LAST
NIGHT.



SO STOP
ACTING LIKE
YOU NEED
TO REPAY
ME.

BUT
WE'RE
STILL
FAMILY.



I'M NOT
TRYING
TO *REPAY*
YOU.

YOU TOOK
ME IN AND
RAISED ME
AFTER I WAS
ABANDONED
AS A BABY.

I'M JUST
SHOWING MY
THANKS, AS
FAMILY.



RUDO...

...





YOU NEED
TO STOP
GOING TO
TRASH
HEAPS.

THEY WON'T
LET YOU OFF
SO EASY
NEXT TIME.



THIS
LITTLE CUT
IS NOTHING.



NOT
COMPARED
TO THE
WOUNDS MY
DAD GAVE
ME.



DANGLE
30
5
ん...



...AND WHAT
WITH THE
WAY PEOPLE
WOULD
STARE AT
THE HIDEOUS
WOUNDS...



I USED TO
GET THIS
REALLY
INTENSE
PAIN SOME-
TIMES...

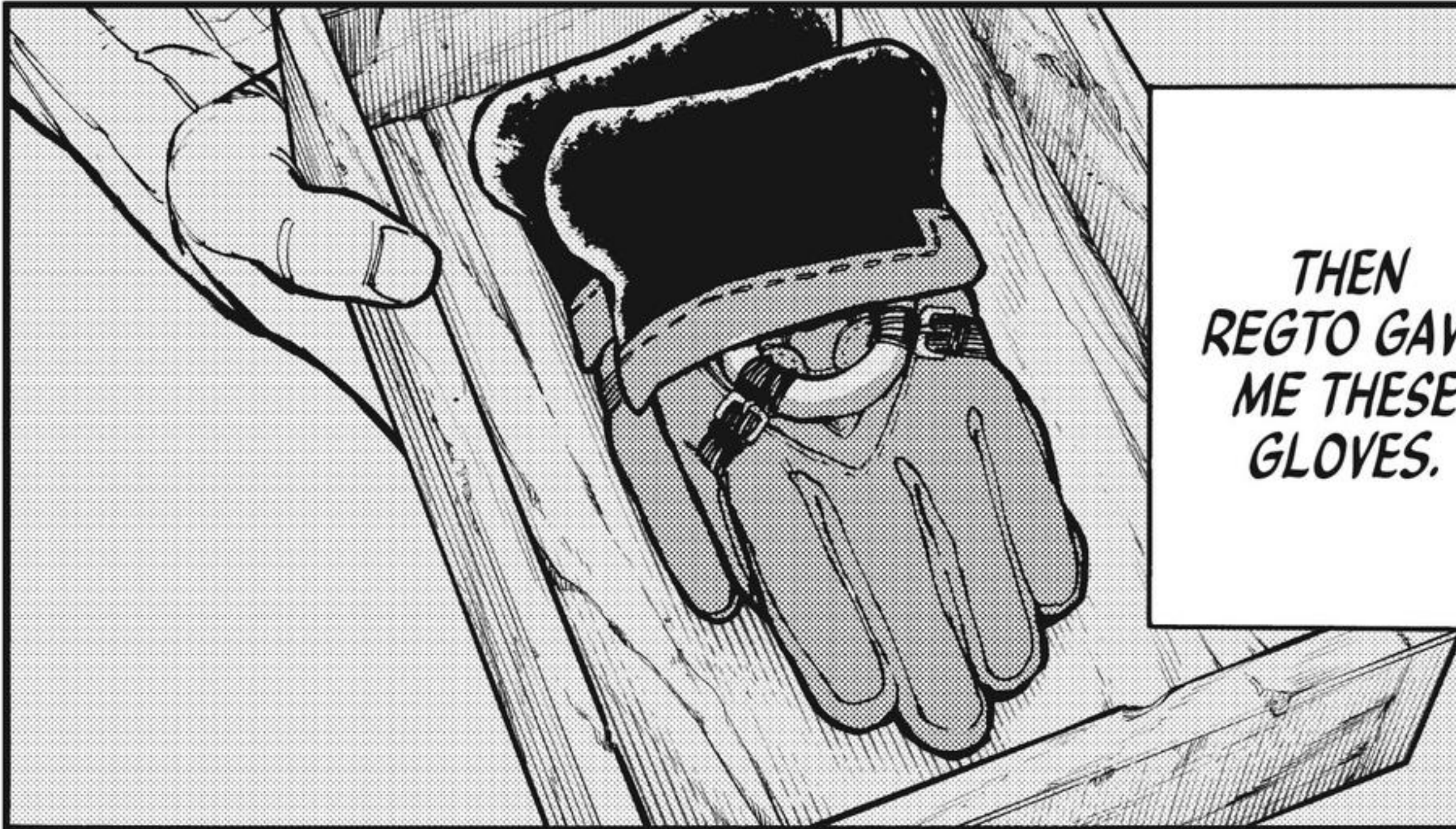
AS FAR BACK
AS I CAN
REMEMBER,
MY HANDS
HAVE BEEN
PITCH BLACK.



IT REALLY
MESSED ME
UP WHEN I
WAS LITTLE.



THEN
REGTO GAVE
ME THESE
GLOVES.



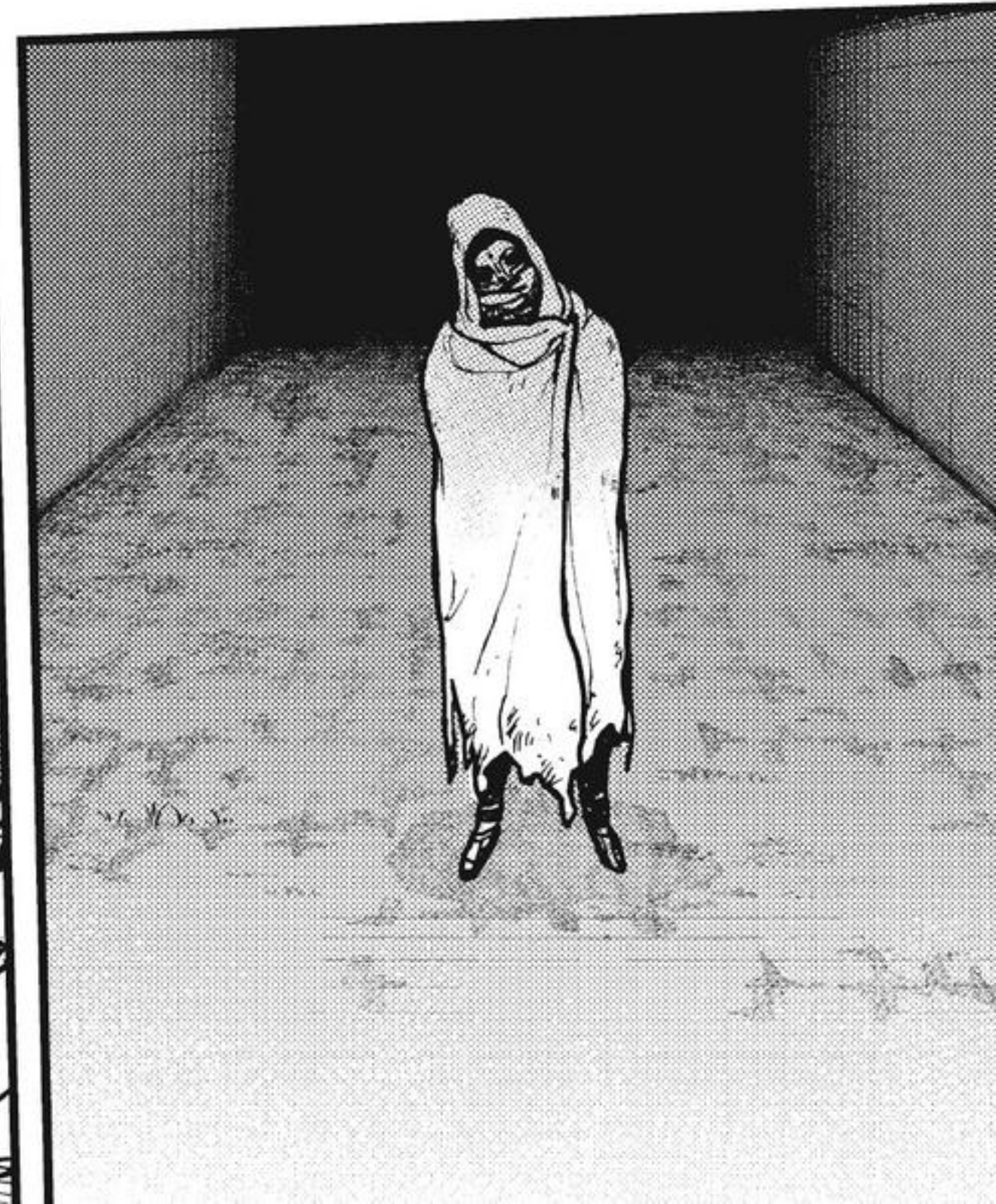
I OWE
REGTO A
DEBT I CAN
NEVER
REPAY.

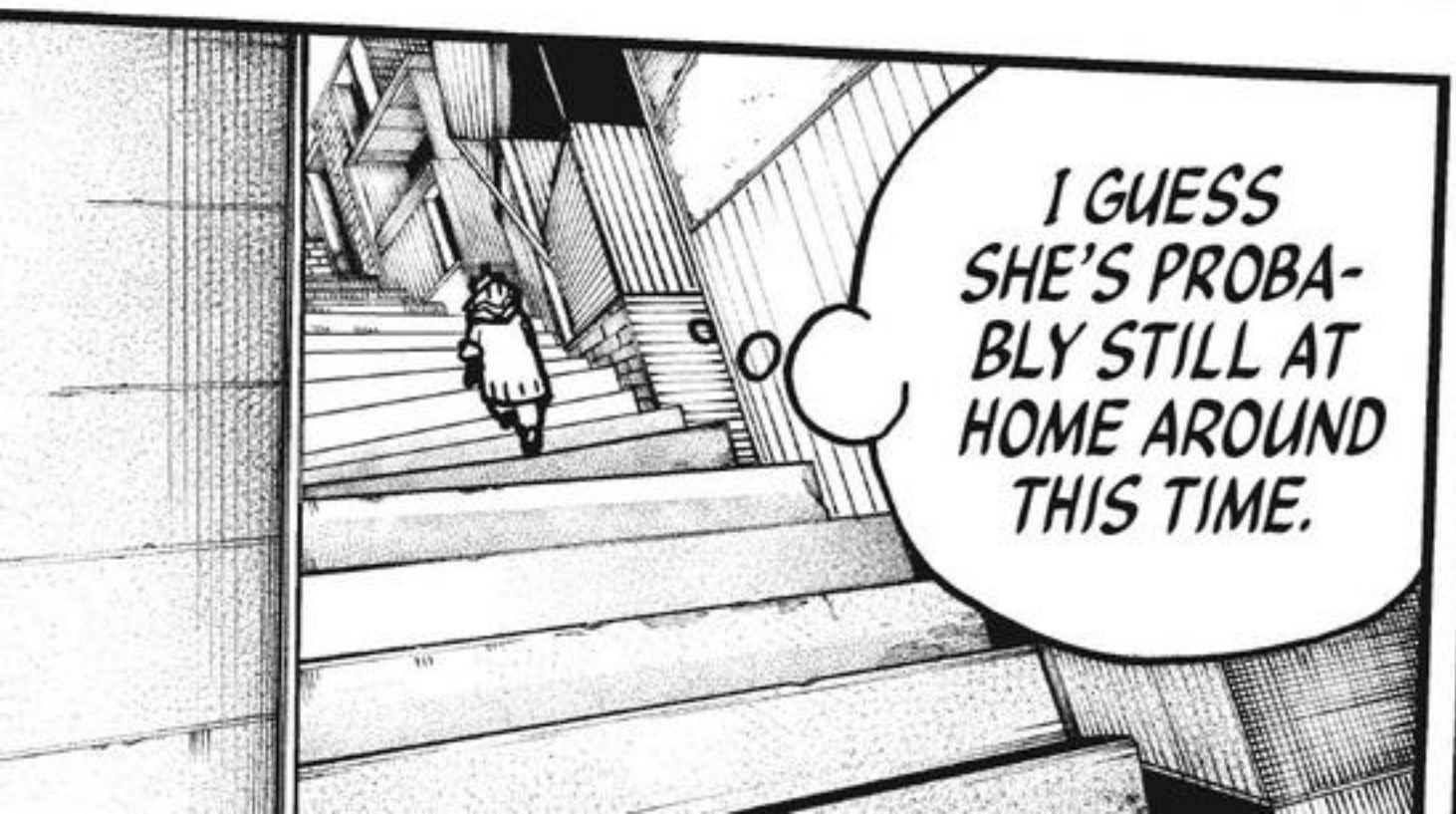
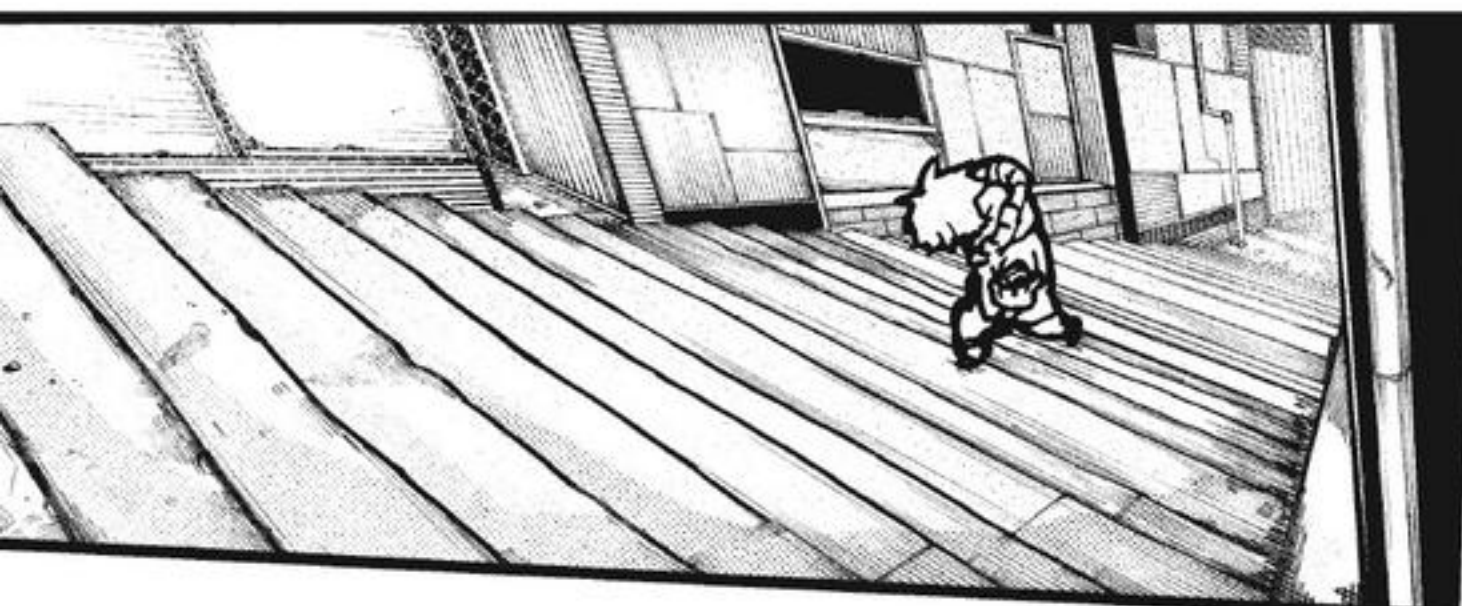
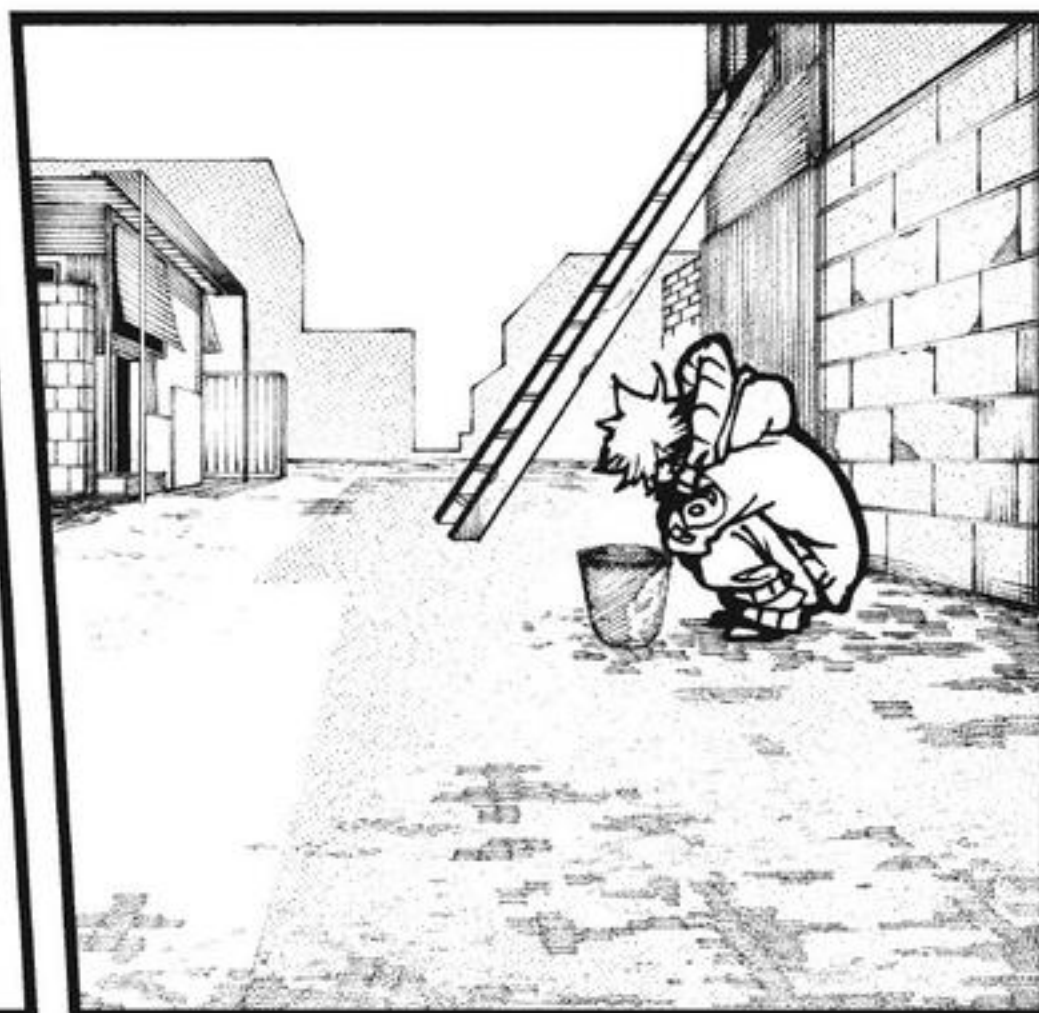
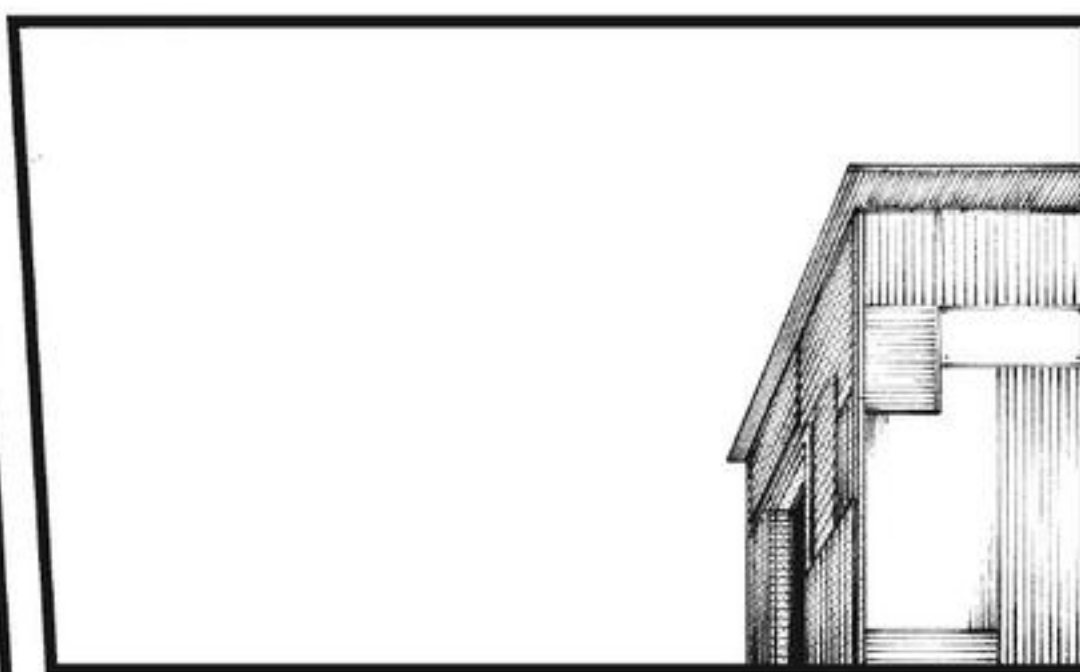
ALSO,
RUDO...

BUT JUST
LIKE THAT,
THE PAIN
EASED.

THEY WERE
ALREADY
PRETTY
BEAT UP
WHEN HE
FIRST GAVE
THEM TO ME.





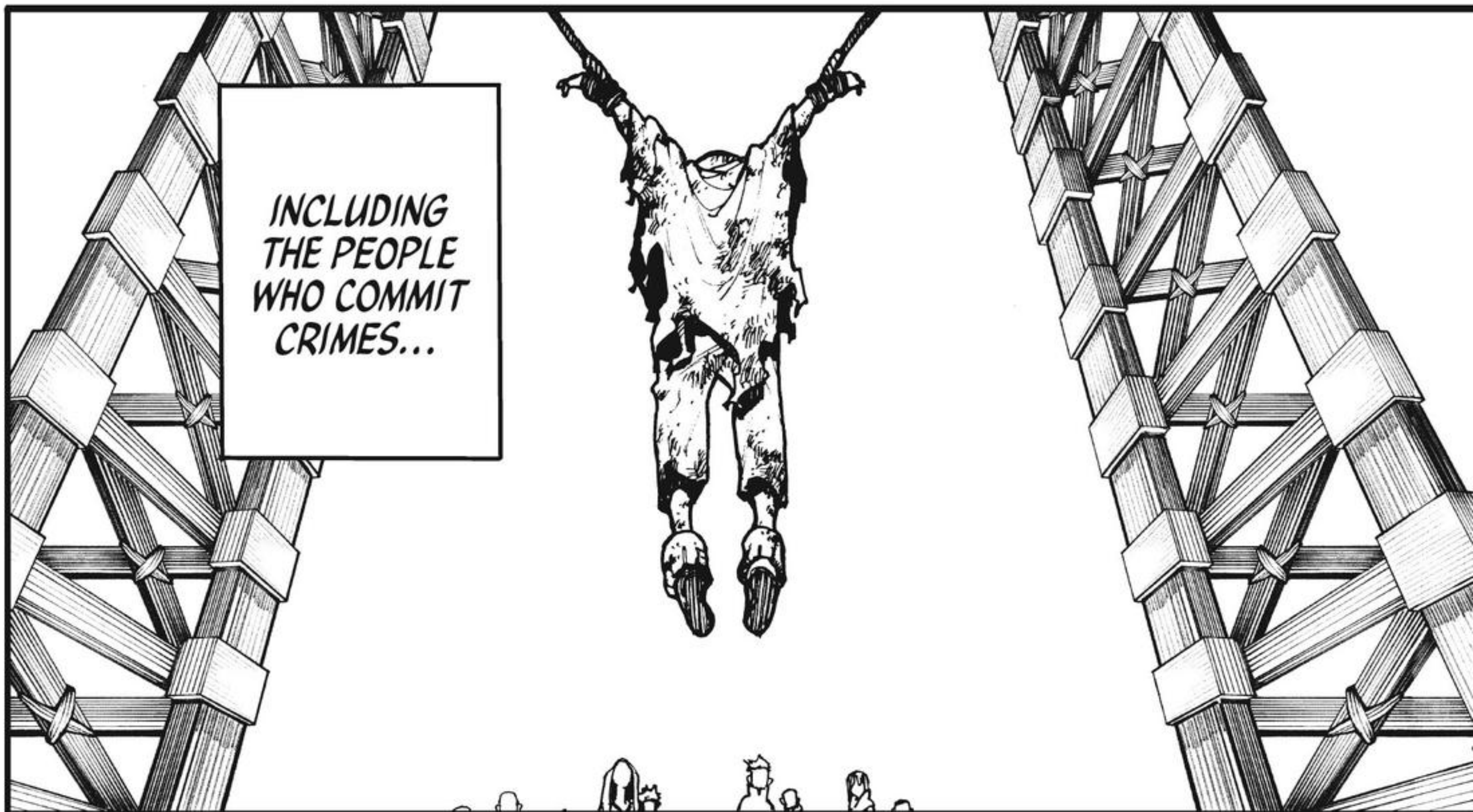
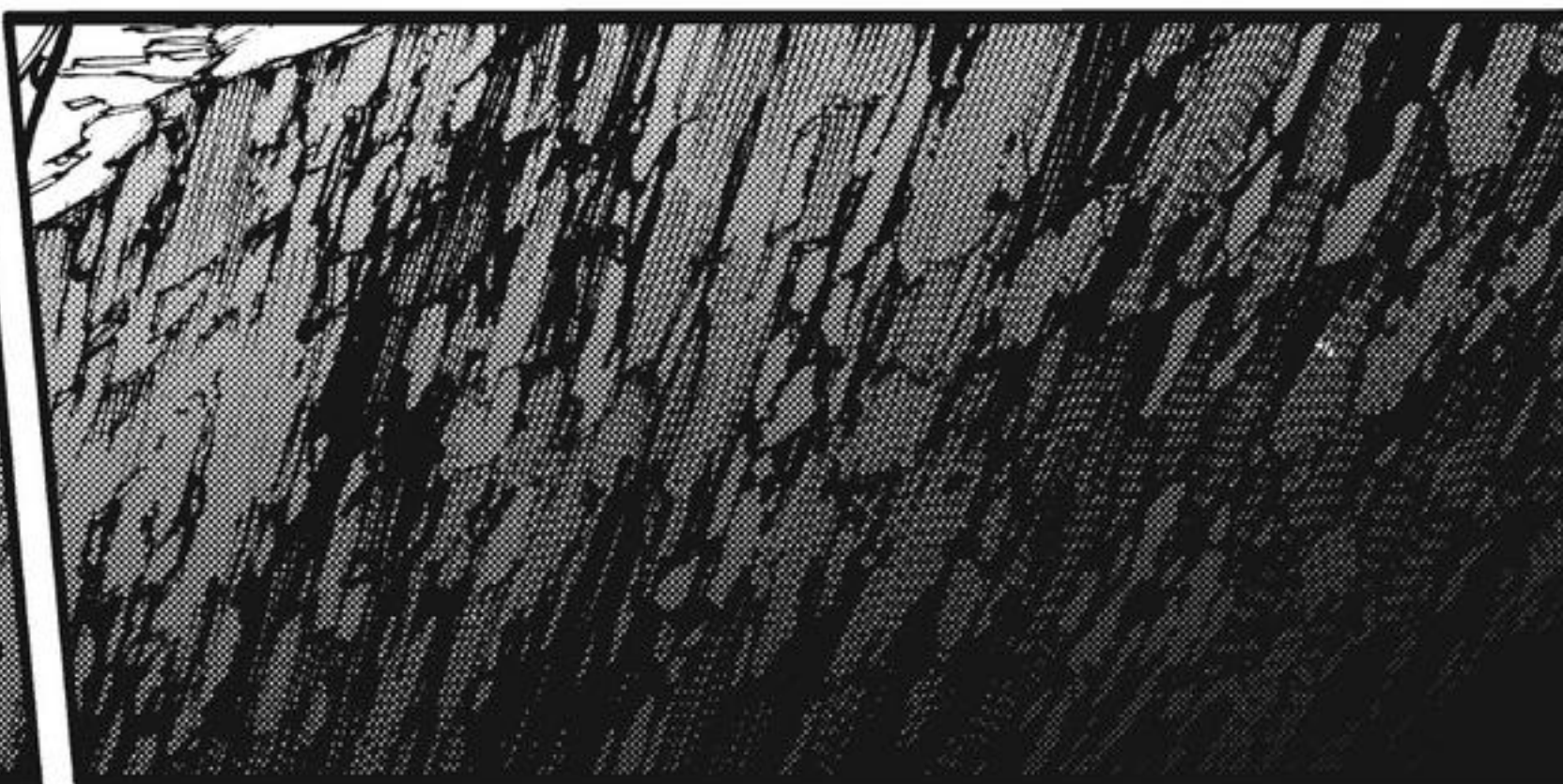
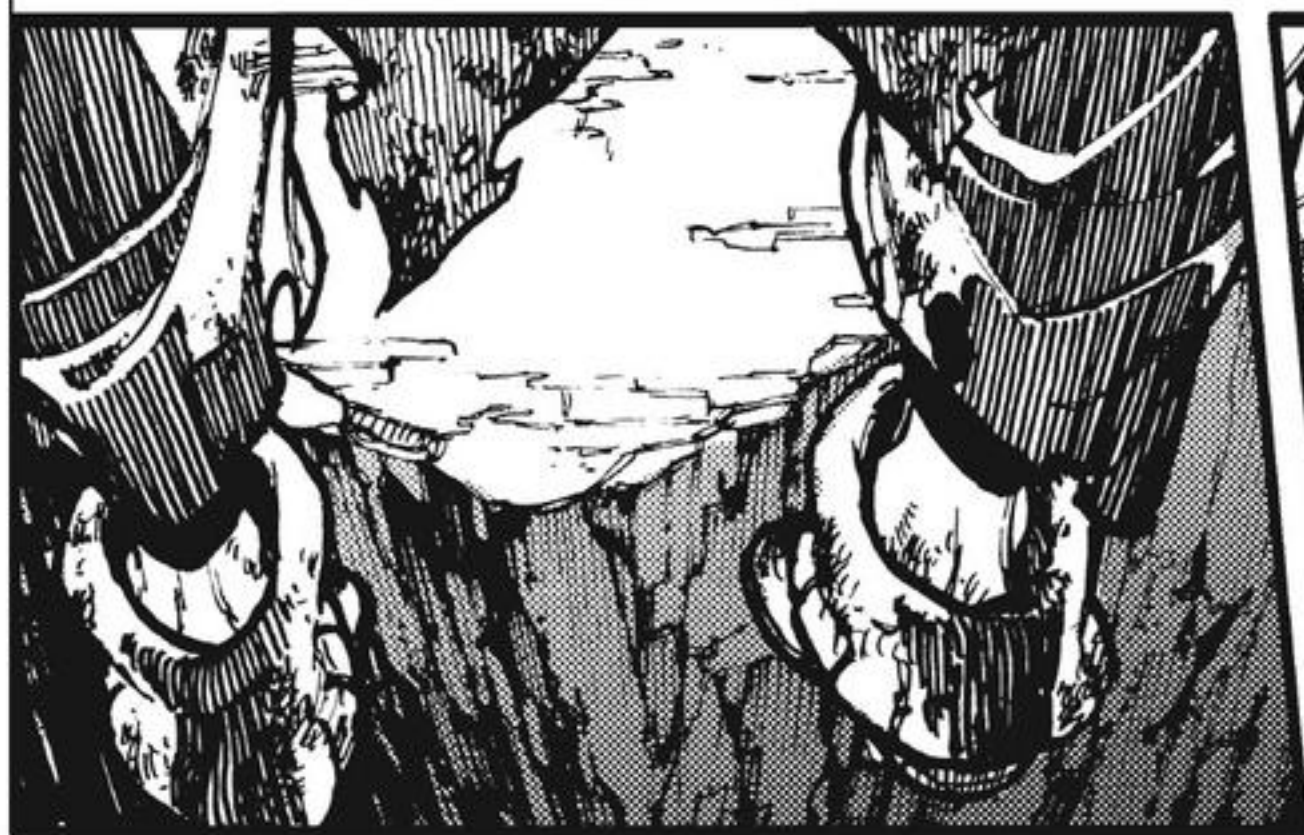




"THE PIT"
IS A GIANT
GARBAGE
DUMP. OR SO
THEY SAY.

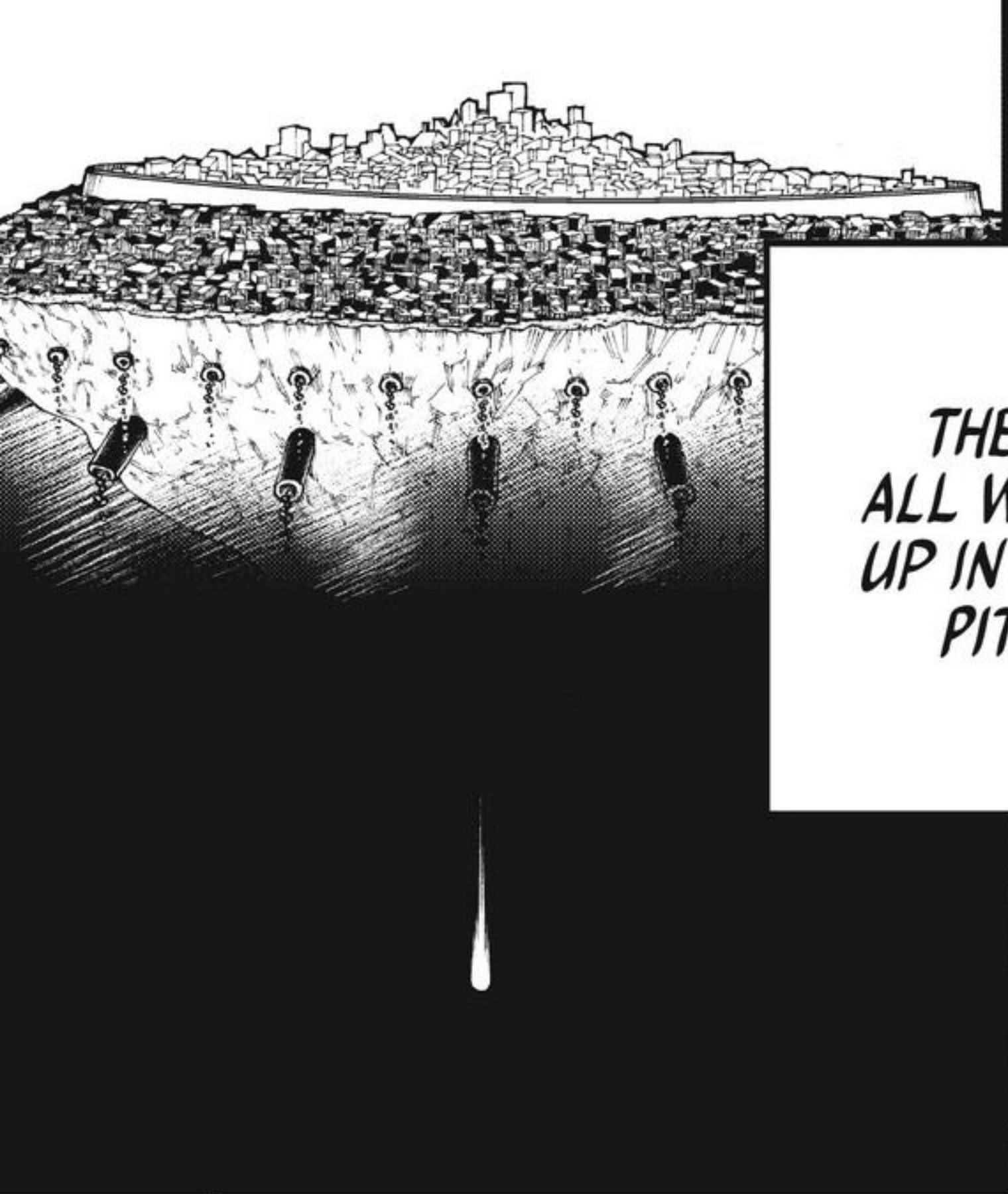


ALL TRASH
EVENTUALLY
GETS THROWN
INTO THE PIT.

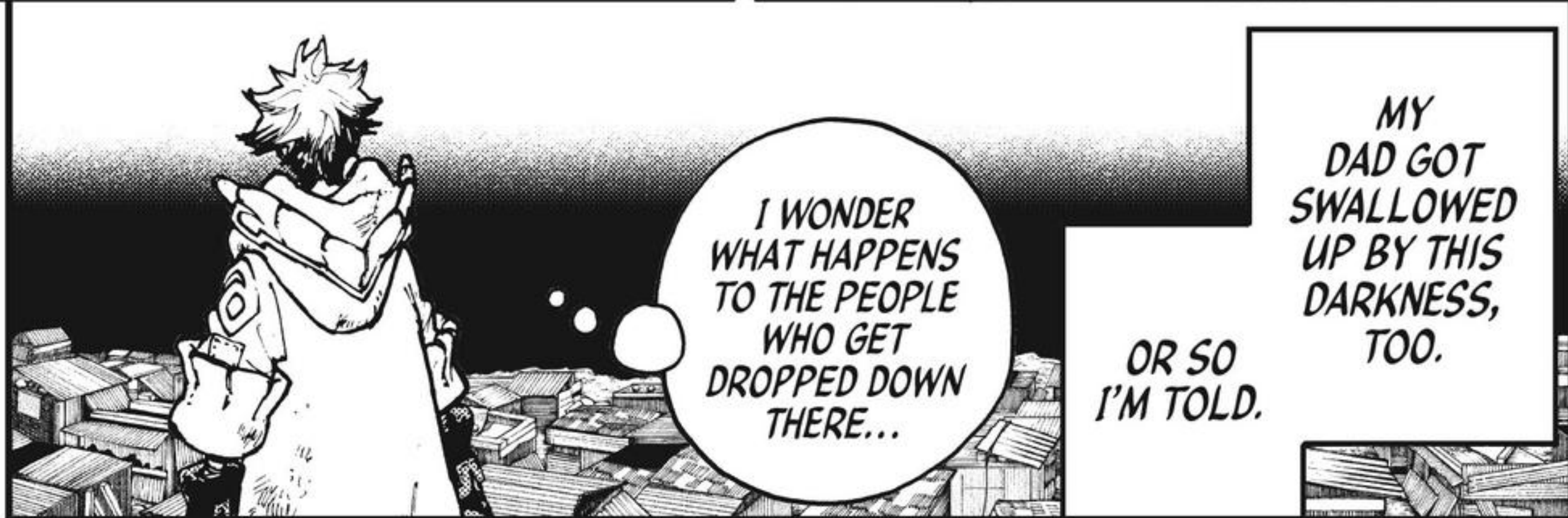
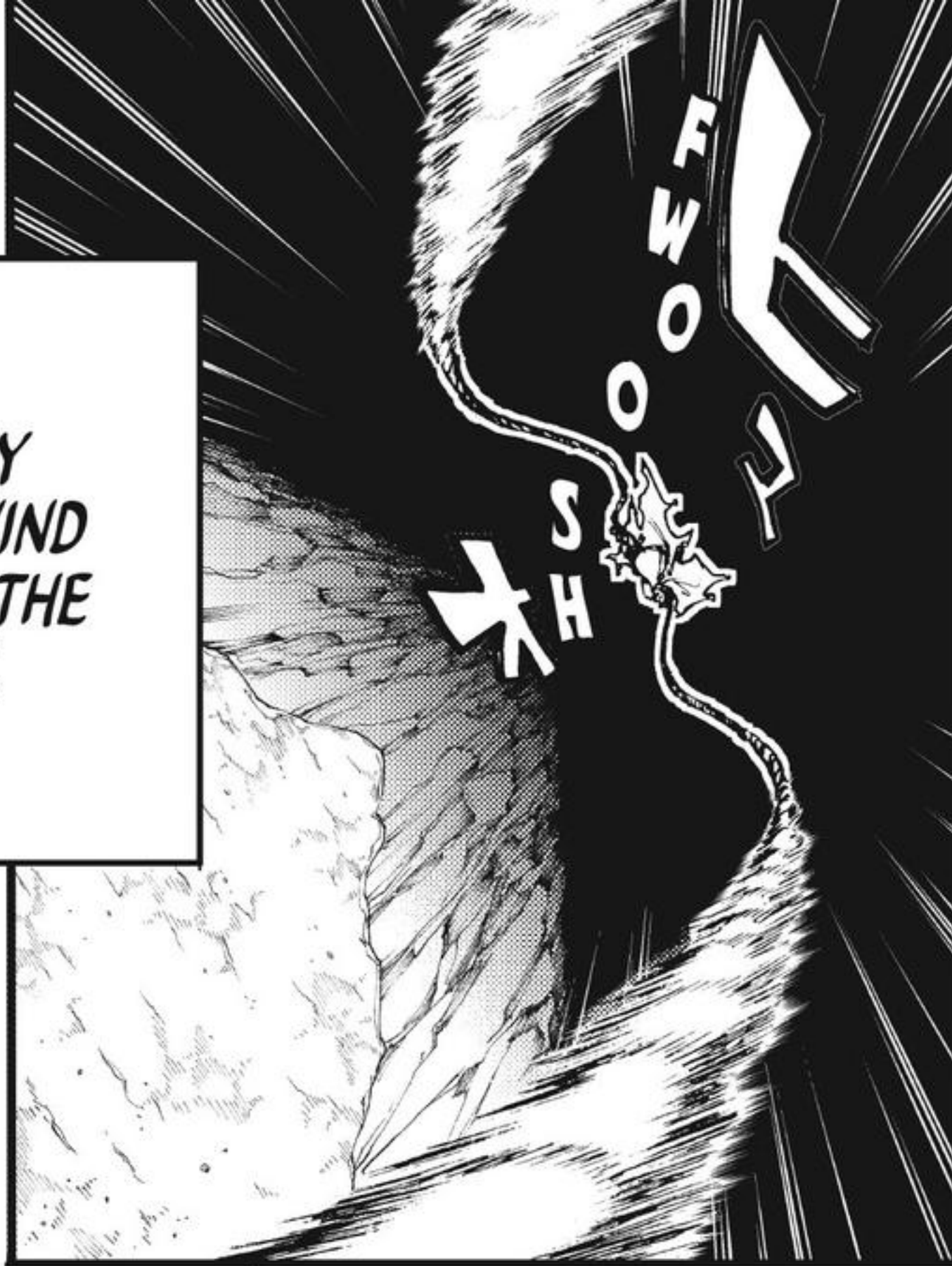


INCLUDING
THE PEOPLE
WHO COMMIT
CRIMES...





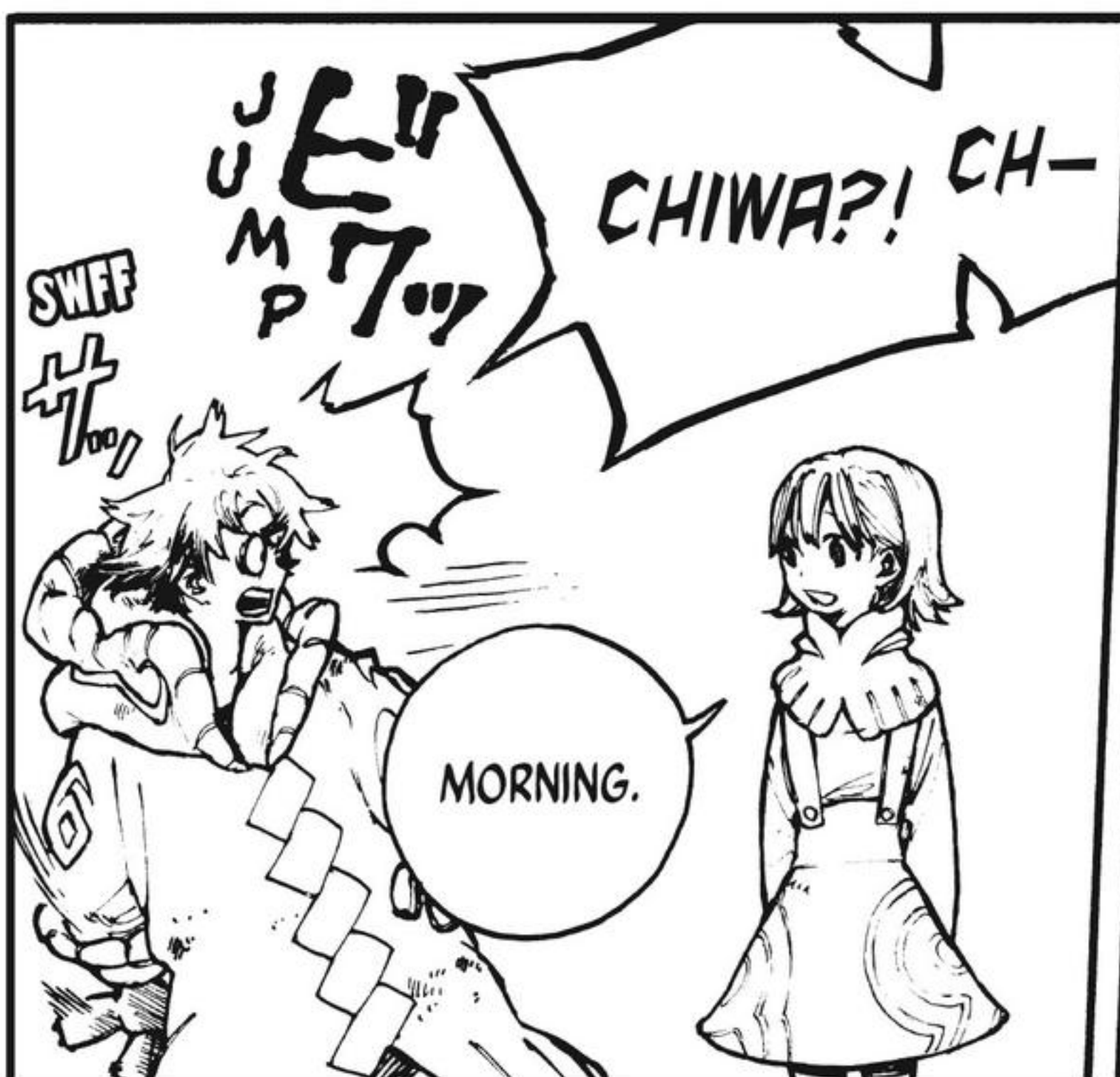
THEY
ALL WIND
UP IN THE
PIT.



I WONDER
WHAT HAPPENS
TO THE PEOPLE
WHO GET
DROPPED DOWN
THERE...

OR SO
I'M TOLD.

MY
DAD GOT
SWALLOWED
UP BY THIS
DARKNESS,
TOO.



ANOTHER
CRIMINAL
GOT THE
DROP, HUH?

YEAH...

...HM?



THE VIEW
FROM HERE
IS PRETTY
TERRIBLE,
ISN'T IT?

IN MORE
WAYS THAN
ONE.

IT'S ABOUT
THE SAME
ANYWHERE IN
THE SLUMS.

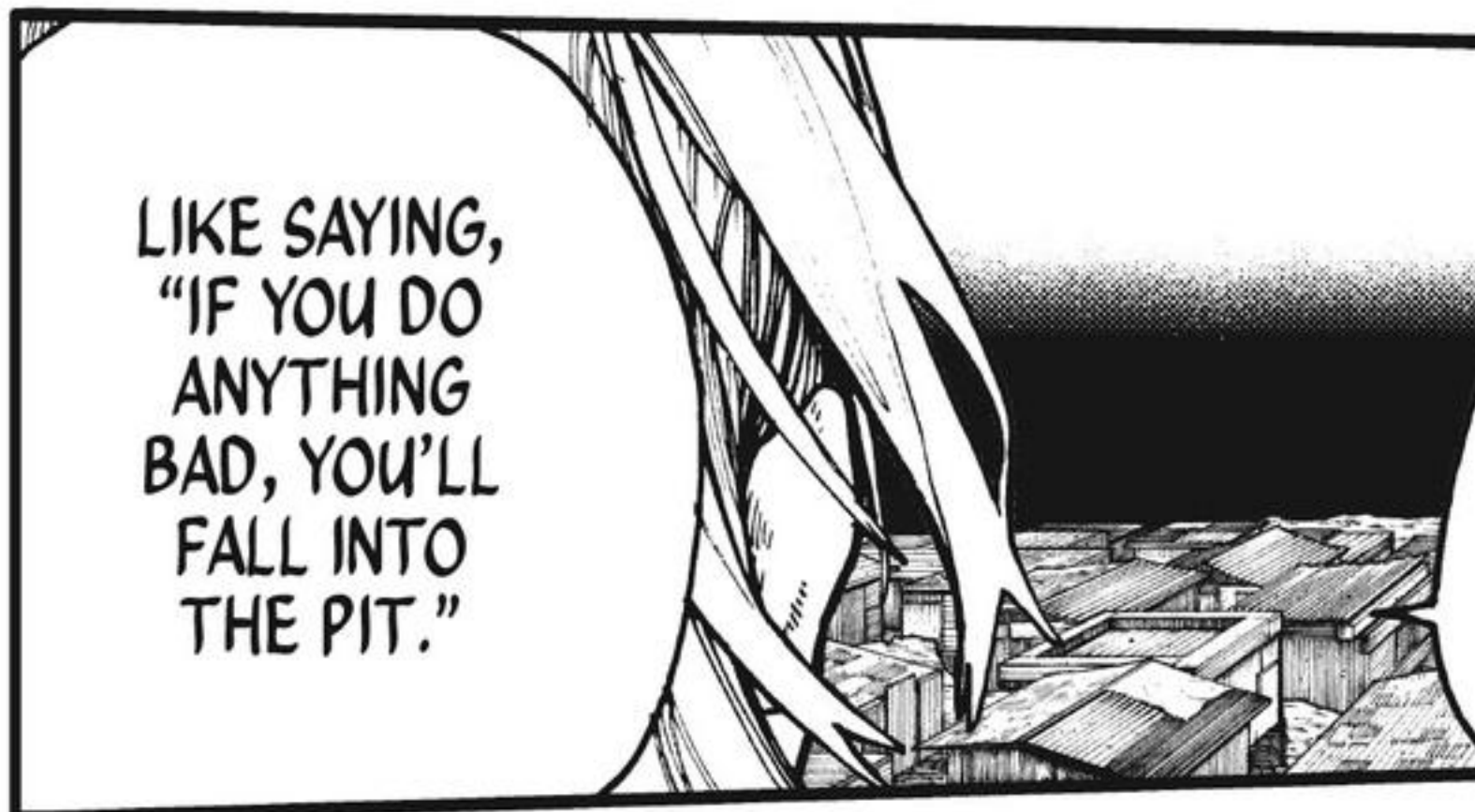


OH
...

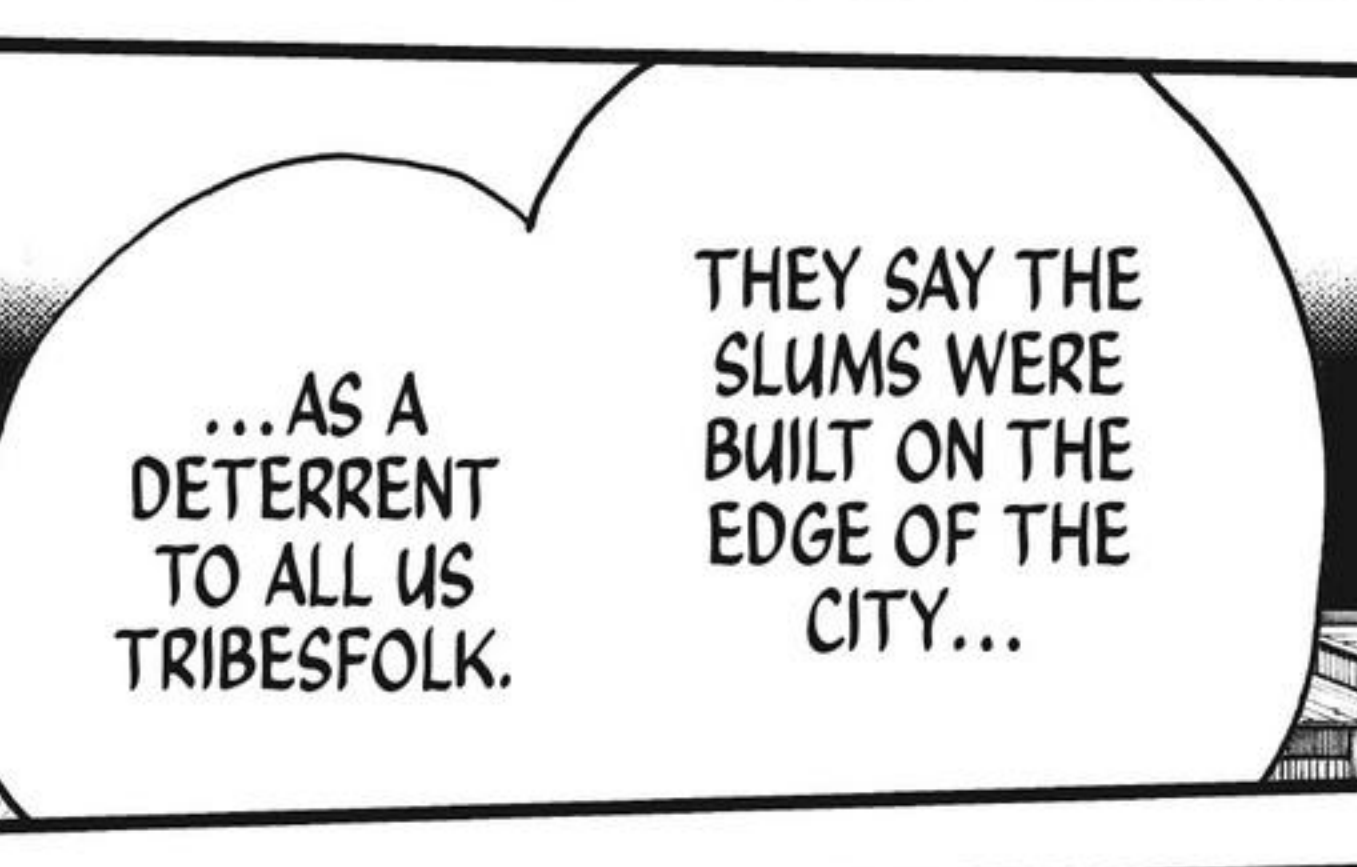
UHH,
WELL
...

YEAH
...

I DON'T
NORMALLY
SEE YOU
OUT HERE,
RUDO!



LIKE SAYING,
"IF YOU DO
ANYTHING
BAD, YOU'LL
FALL INTO
THE PIT."

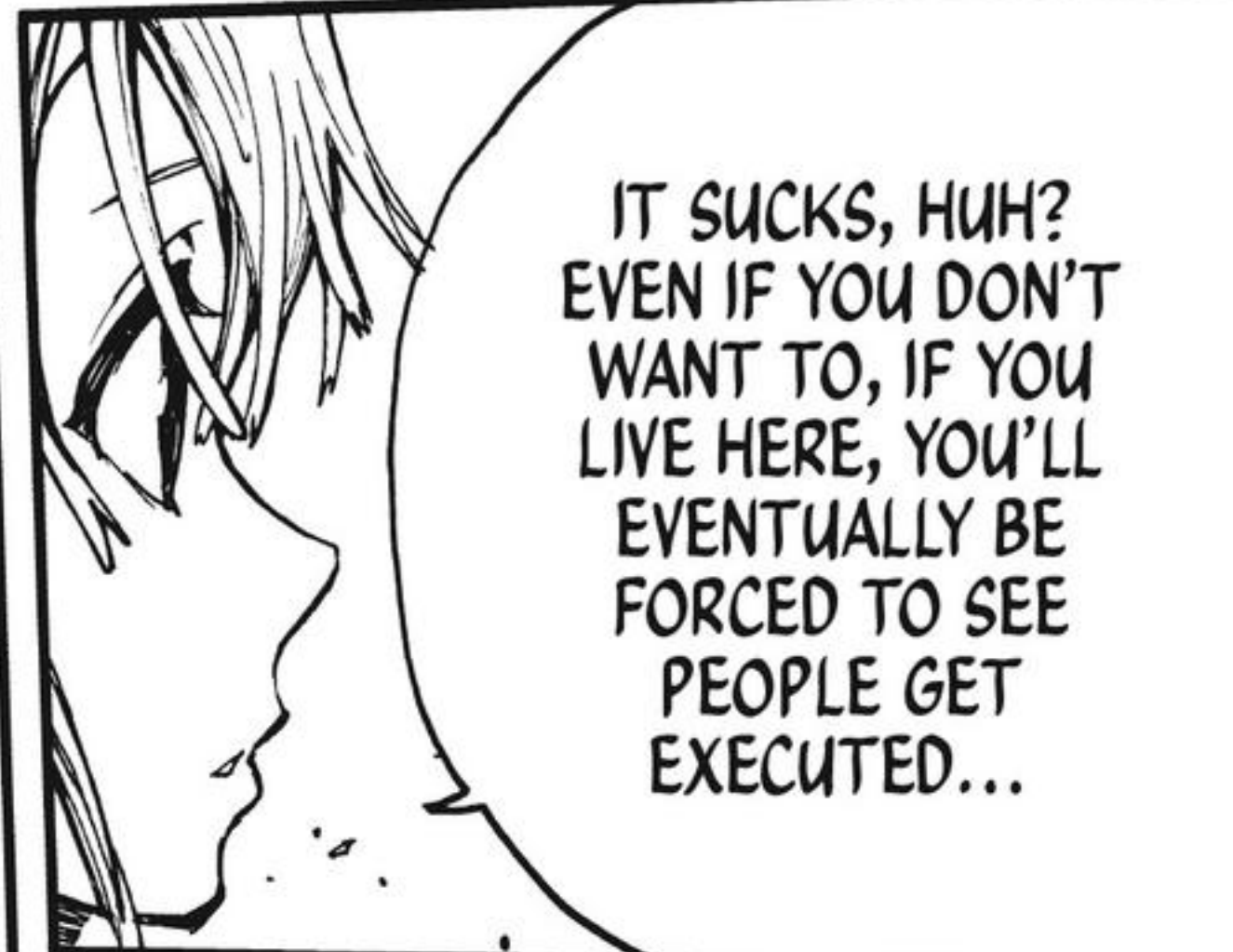


...AS A
DETERRENT
TO ALL US
TRIBESFOLK.

THEY SAY THE
SLUMS WERE
BUILT ON THE
EDGE OF THE
CITY...



I DON'T
WANT TO
SEE YOU GET
DROPPED
DOWN
THERE.



IT SUCKS, HUH?
EVEN IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO, IF YOU
LIVE HERE, YOU'LL
EVENTUALLY BE
FORCED TO SEE
PEOPLE GET
EXECUTED...



HEY,
RUDO.



REGTO
SAID THE
SAME
THING.



...WORST
CASE, THEY
MIGHT REALLY
DROP YOU
INTO THE PIT.

BUT IT'S
NOT WORTH
GETTING
CAUGHT
OVER IT...

IT'S TRUE
THERE'S
A LOT OF
TRASH
I THINK
DOESN'T
DESERVE TO
BE THROWN
AWAY...



WAIT...
HIM...
TOO...?

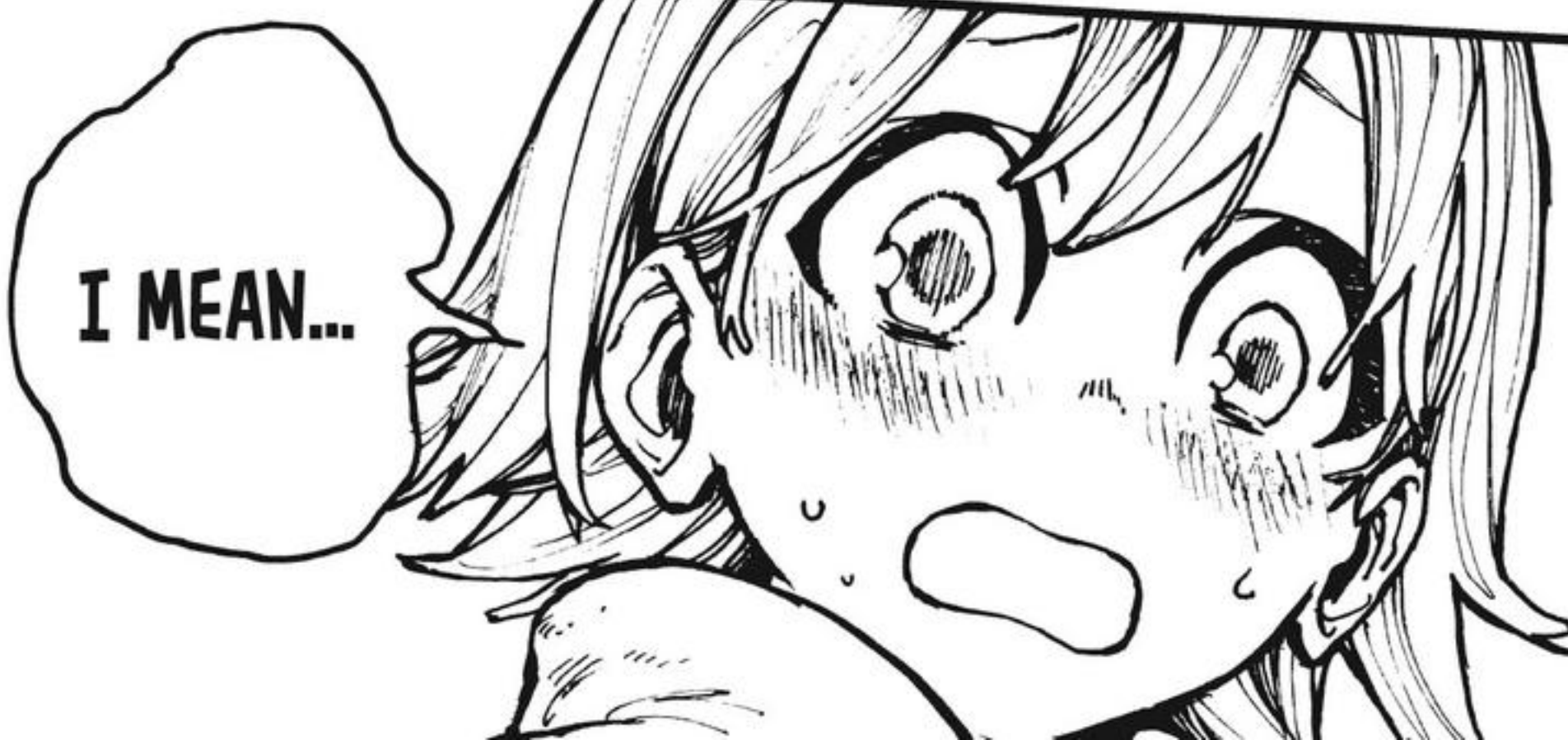
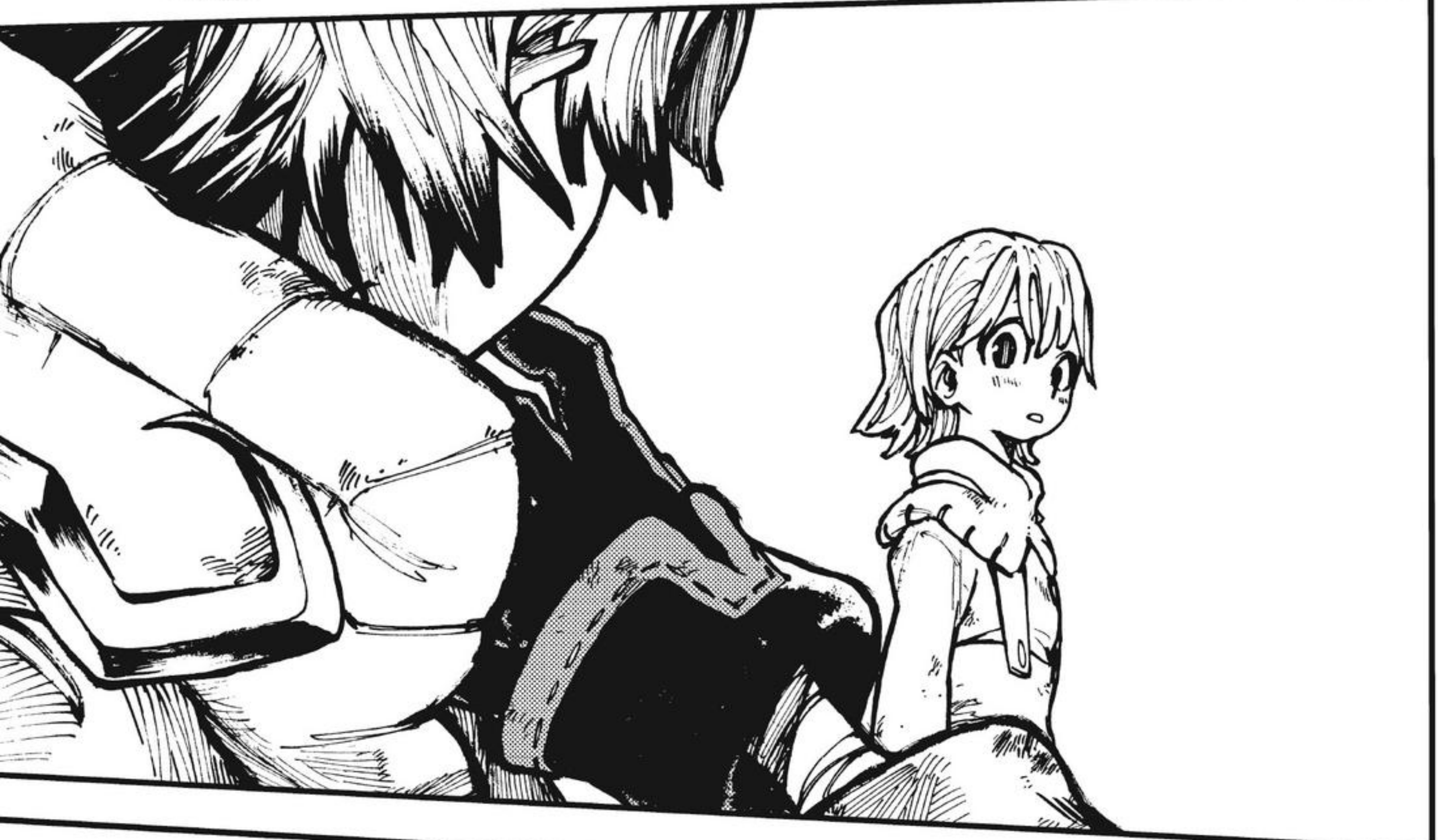
...



HA!

HE
LOVES
ME...?

HE'S
WORRIED
ABOUT YOU
BECAUSE HE
LOVES YOU,
TOO.



I MEAN...

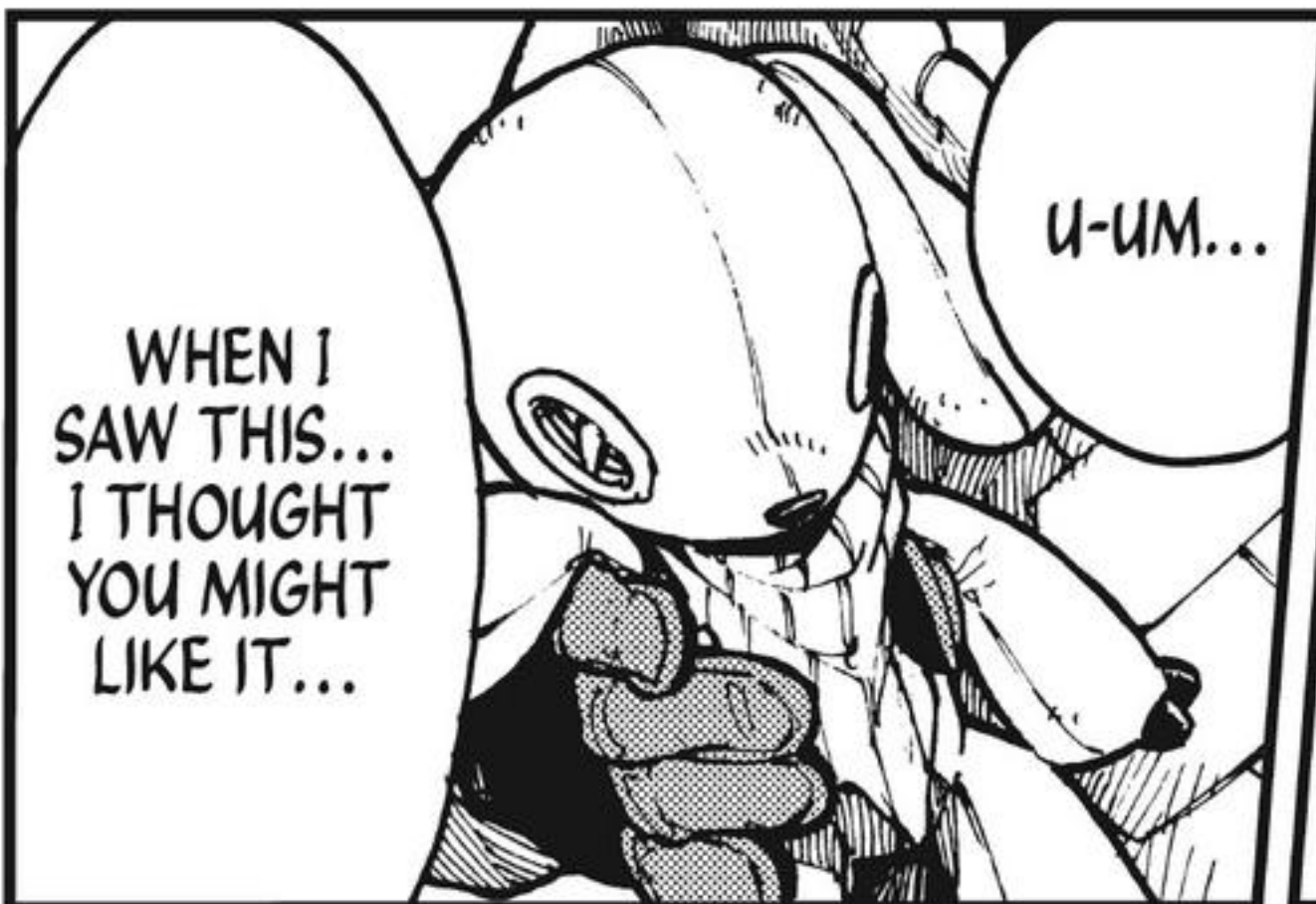


AH...





THAT
STUFFED
ANIMAL...



U-UM...

WHEN I
SAW THIS...
I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT
LIKE IT...

AHHH-
HHH?!



SO...

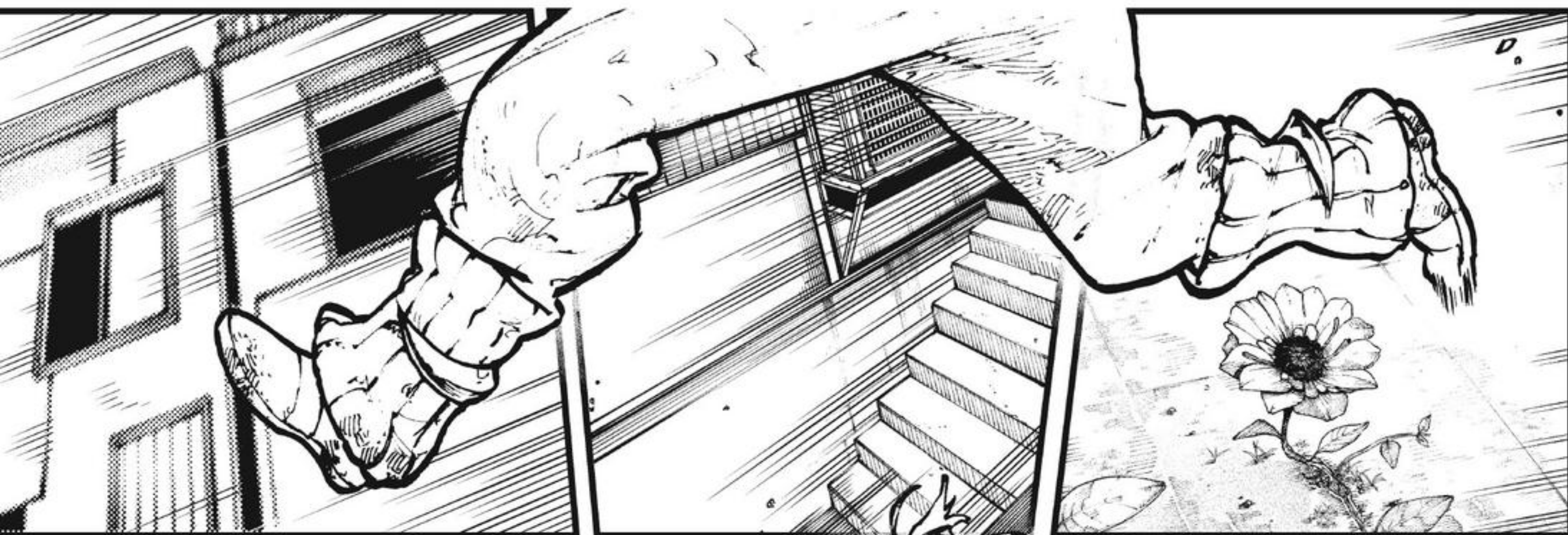
...BUT I
JUST FIGURED
THIS GUY'D BE
HAPPIER WITH
YOU THAN
JUST GETTING
TOSSED OUT.

MAYBE YOU
WON'T WANT
SOMETHING
THAT'S BEEN
THROWN
AWAY...

YEAH.

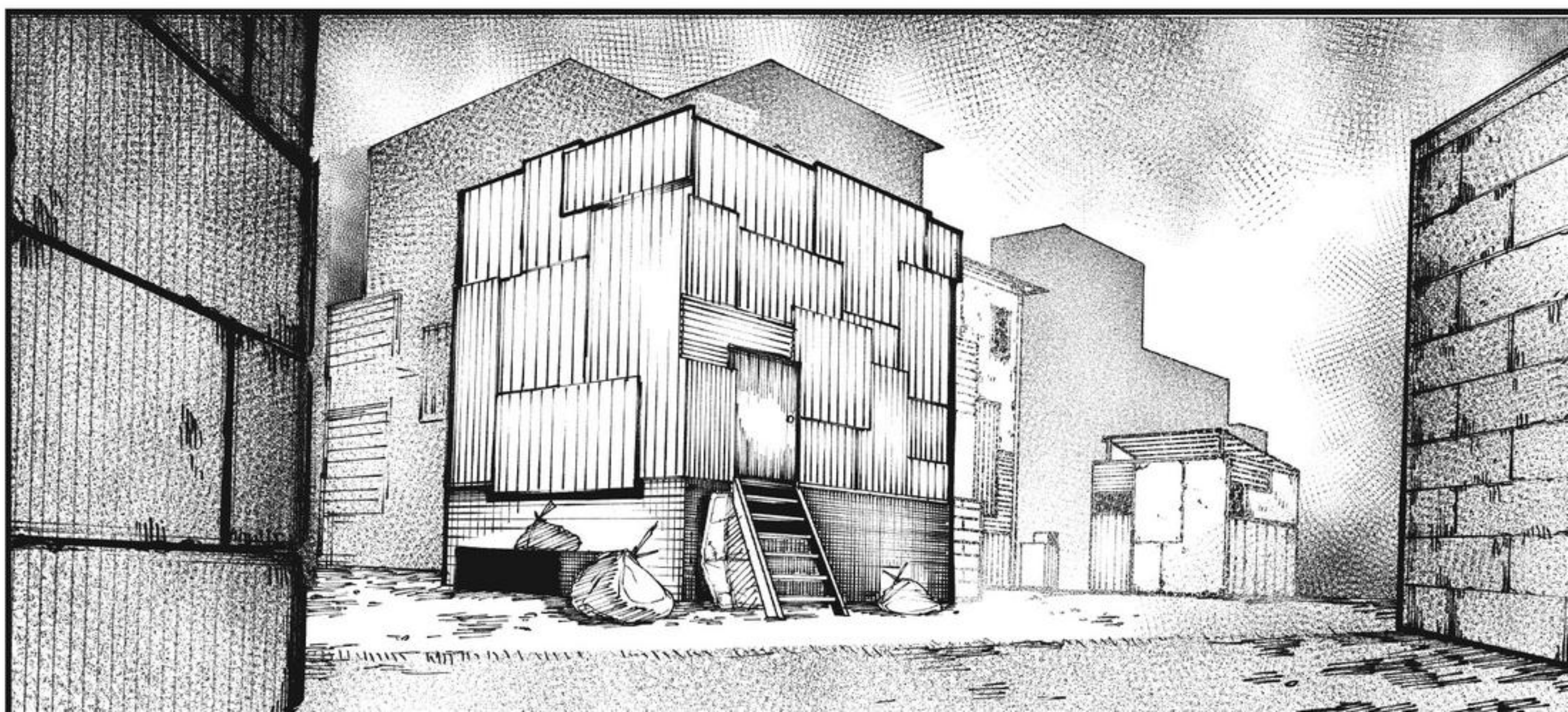
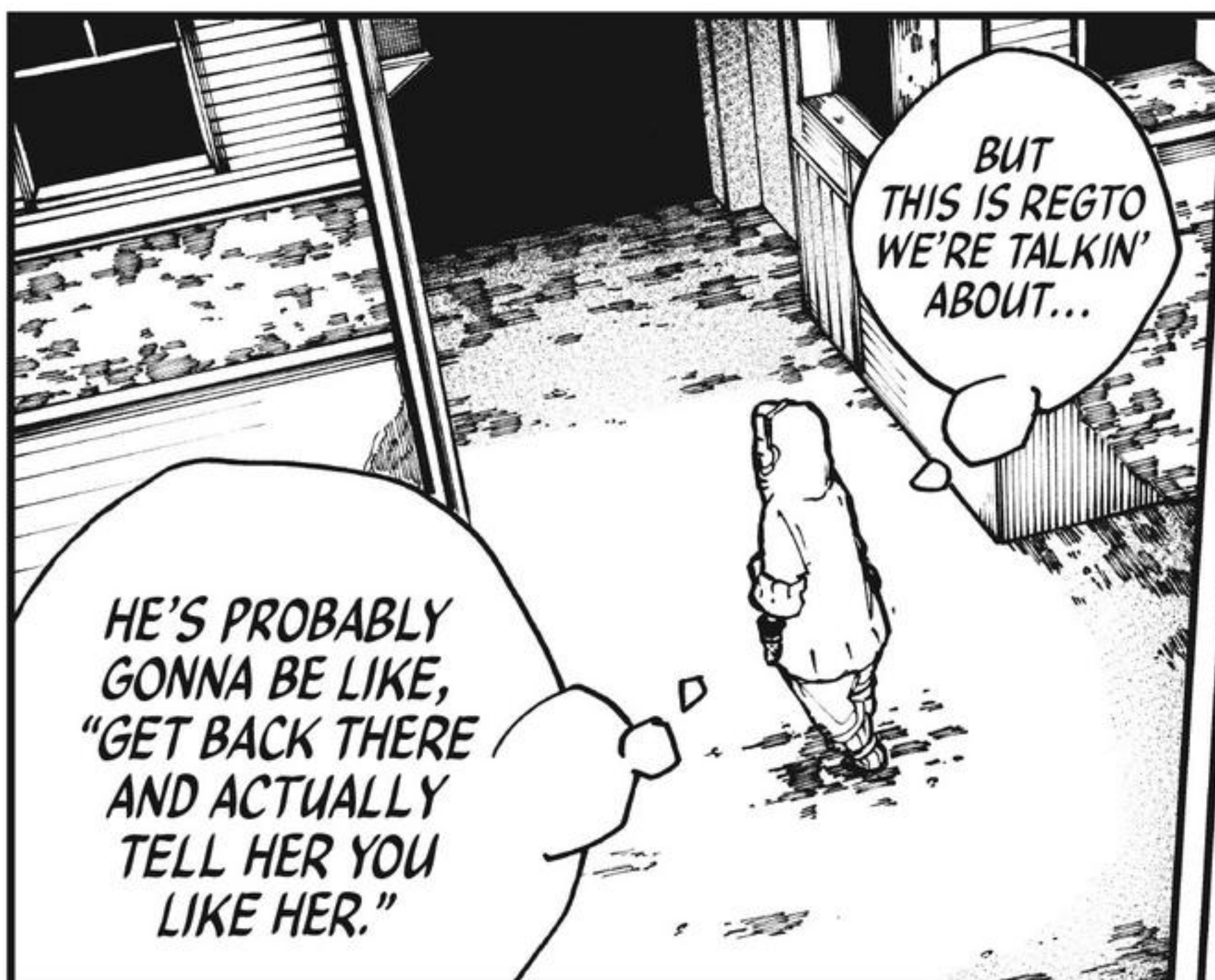














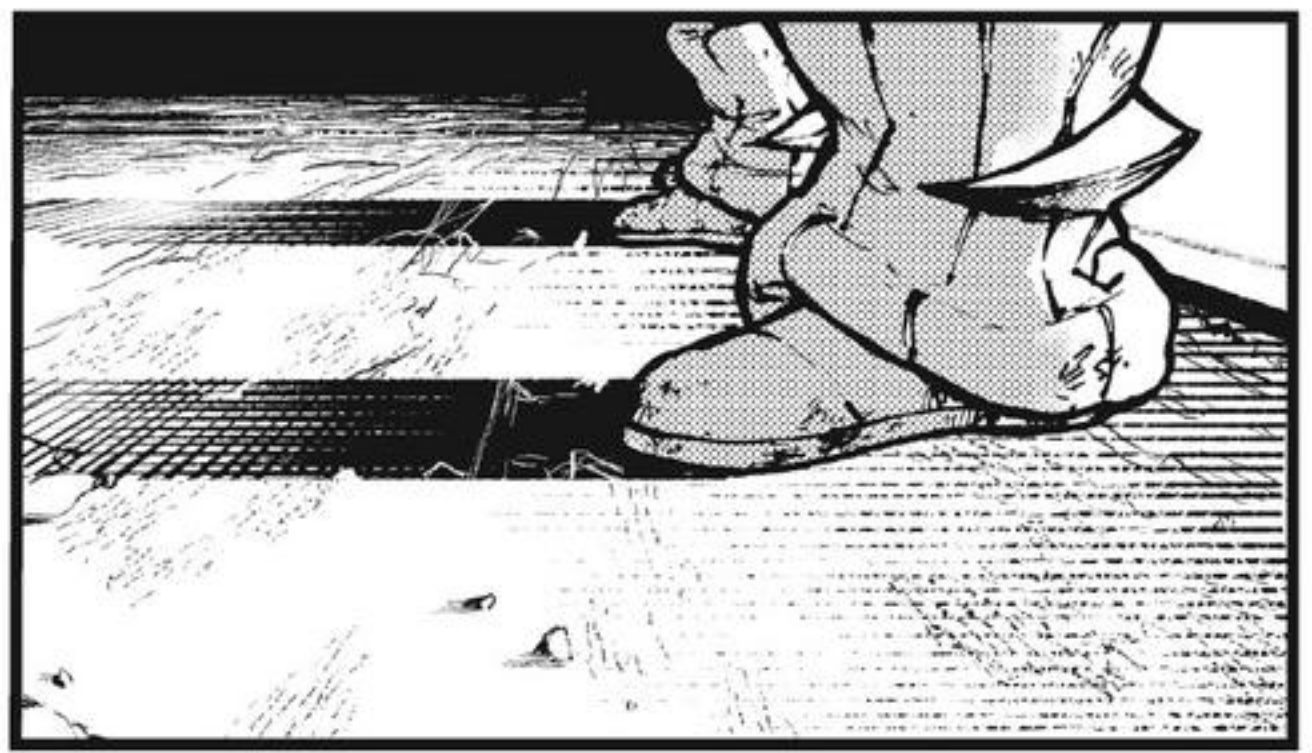
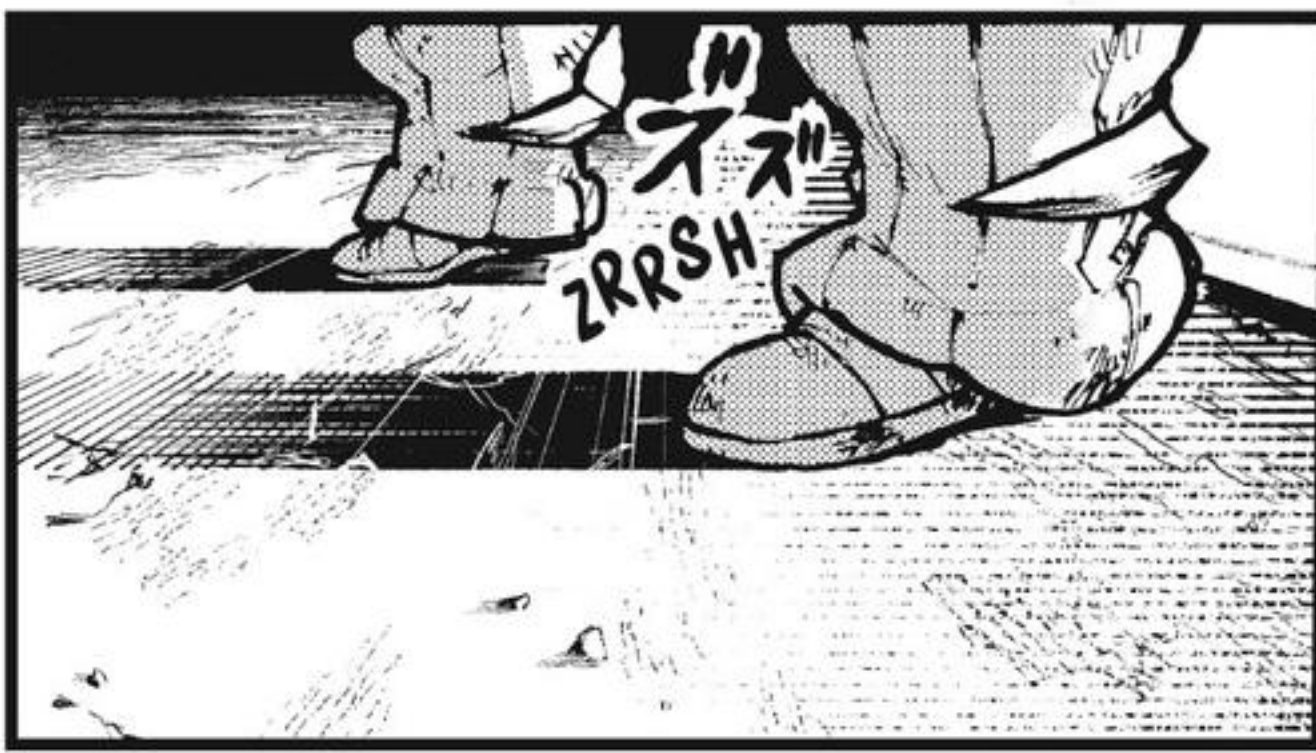
REGTO,
LISTEN
TO THIS. I
JUST SAW
CHIWA,
AND...

I'M
HOME.

KA-
CHAK
ガキッ











**STAY
DOWN.**

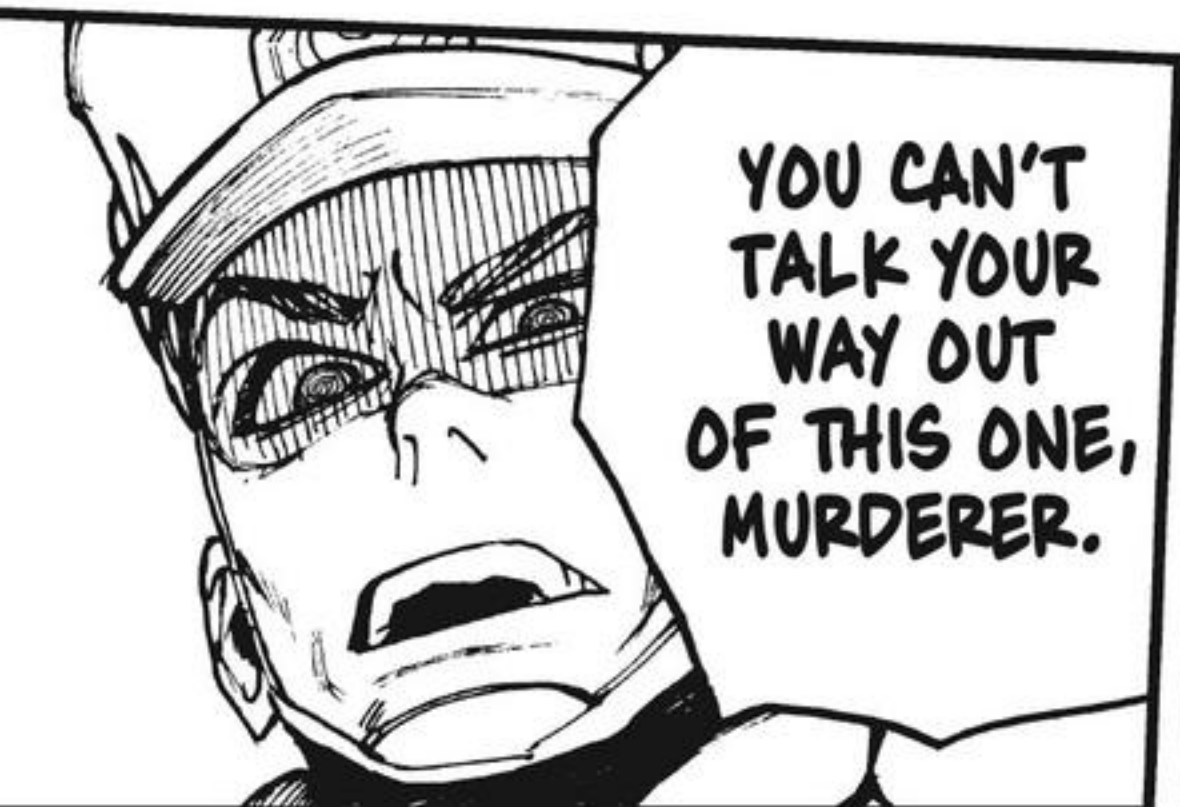
CLEAR.

**YANK
?!**

**...FOR BEING
CAUGHT IN
THE ACT OF
MURDER.**

**YOU'RE
UNDER
ARREST...**

**WH...
Y...?**





**SILENCE,
MURDERER!**

HEY!!

**IT
WASN'T
ME...**

NO!



**FILTHY
TRIBES-
FOLK!**

**JUST
LISTEN
TO ME—**

**YOU'RE
WASTING
YOUR
BREATH!**

AGH...



**I'M
TELLING
YOU, IT
WASN'T
ME!**

**JUST
LISTEN
!!**

!



KI THUD



NO WAY...



AND IT WAS EVEN THE MAN WHO RAISED HIM.

THEY'RE SAYING RUDO FINALLY KILLED SOMEONE.

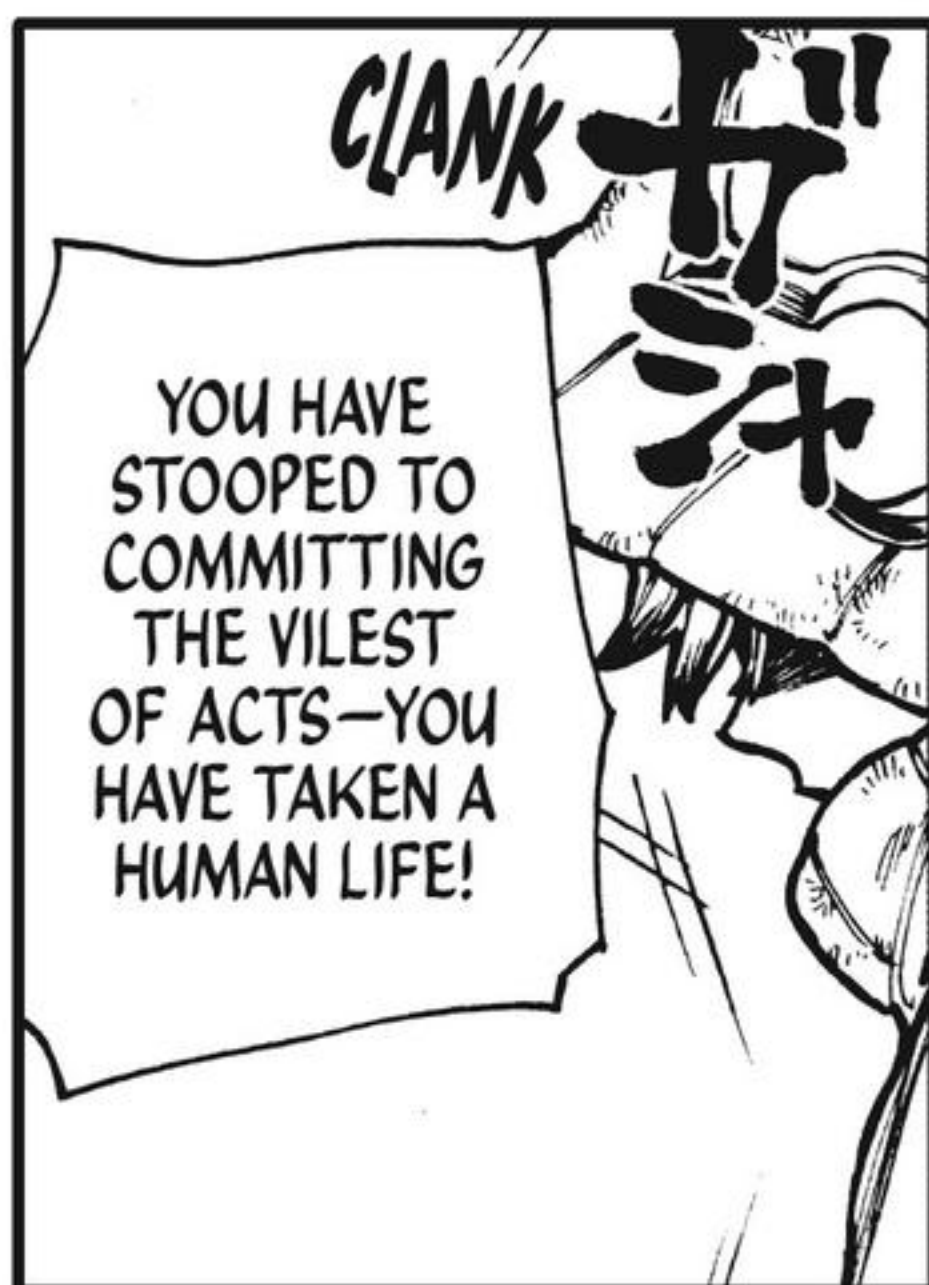


HEY, DID YOU HEAR?!



RUDO...?

SQUEEZE



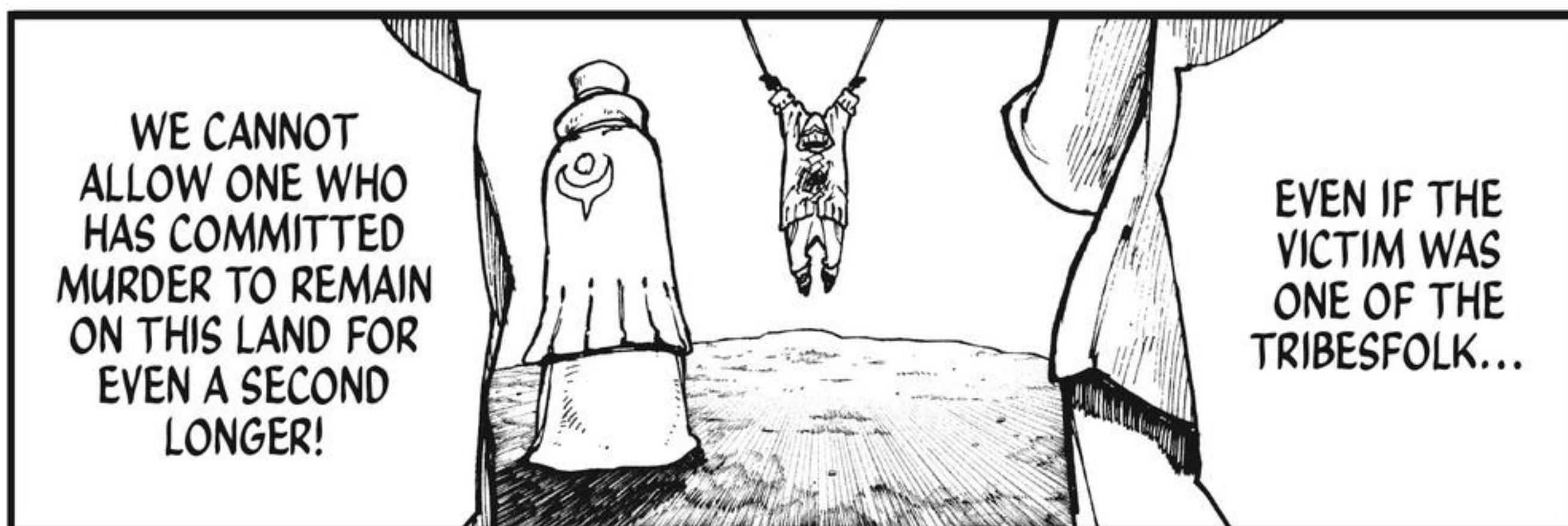
YOU HAVE
STOOPED TO
COMMITTING
THE VILEST
OF ACTS—YOU
HAVE TAKEN A
HUMAN LIFE!



IT WASN'T
ENOUGH FOR
YOU TO DEFILE
OUR STREETS
BY RAIDING
OUR WASTE
FACILITIES...



YOU HAVE
COMMITTED
A SERIOUS
CRIME ON OUR
BEAUTIFUL
AND HOLY
SOIL.



WE CANNOT
ALLOW ONE WHO
HAS COMMITTED
MURDER TO REMAIN
ON THIS LAND FOR
EVEN A SECOND
LONGER!

EVEN IF THE
VICTIM WAS
ONE OF THE
TRIBESFOLK...



THEREFORE,
YOU ARE
SENTENCED
TO DEATH!



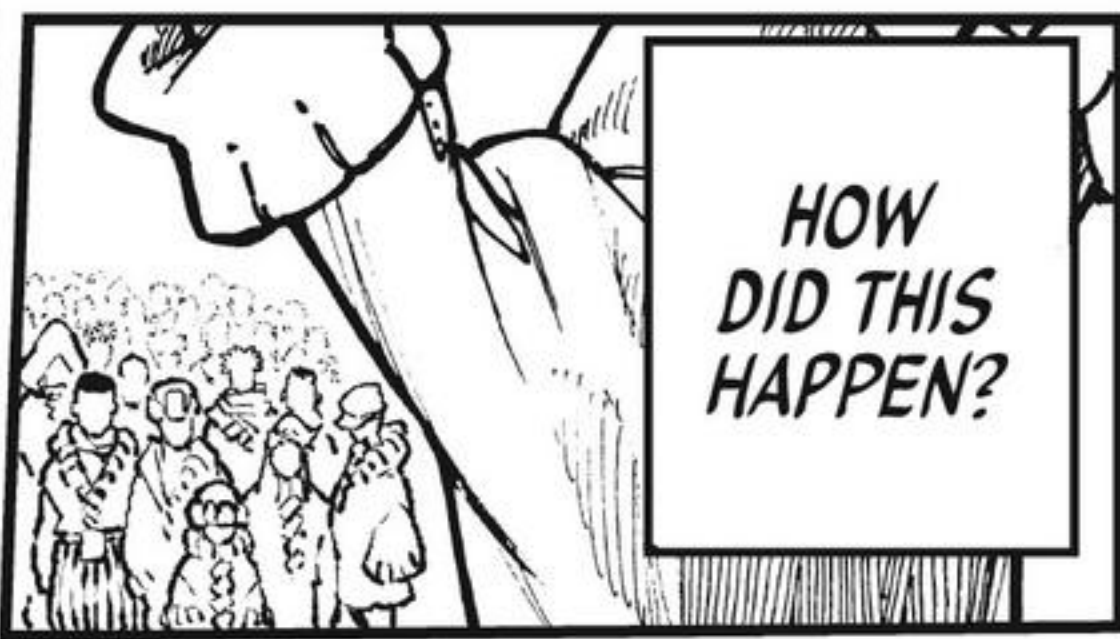
WHAT IS
THIS?

THE PIT WILL
SWALLOW
ALL FILTH!

!!

SOMEBODY,
LISTEN TO
ME...

PLEASE
...



HOW
DID THIS
HAPPEN?



IT
WASN'T
ME...
I DIDN'T
DO IT...



PLEASE!
FIND THE
KILLER—

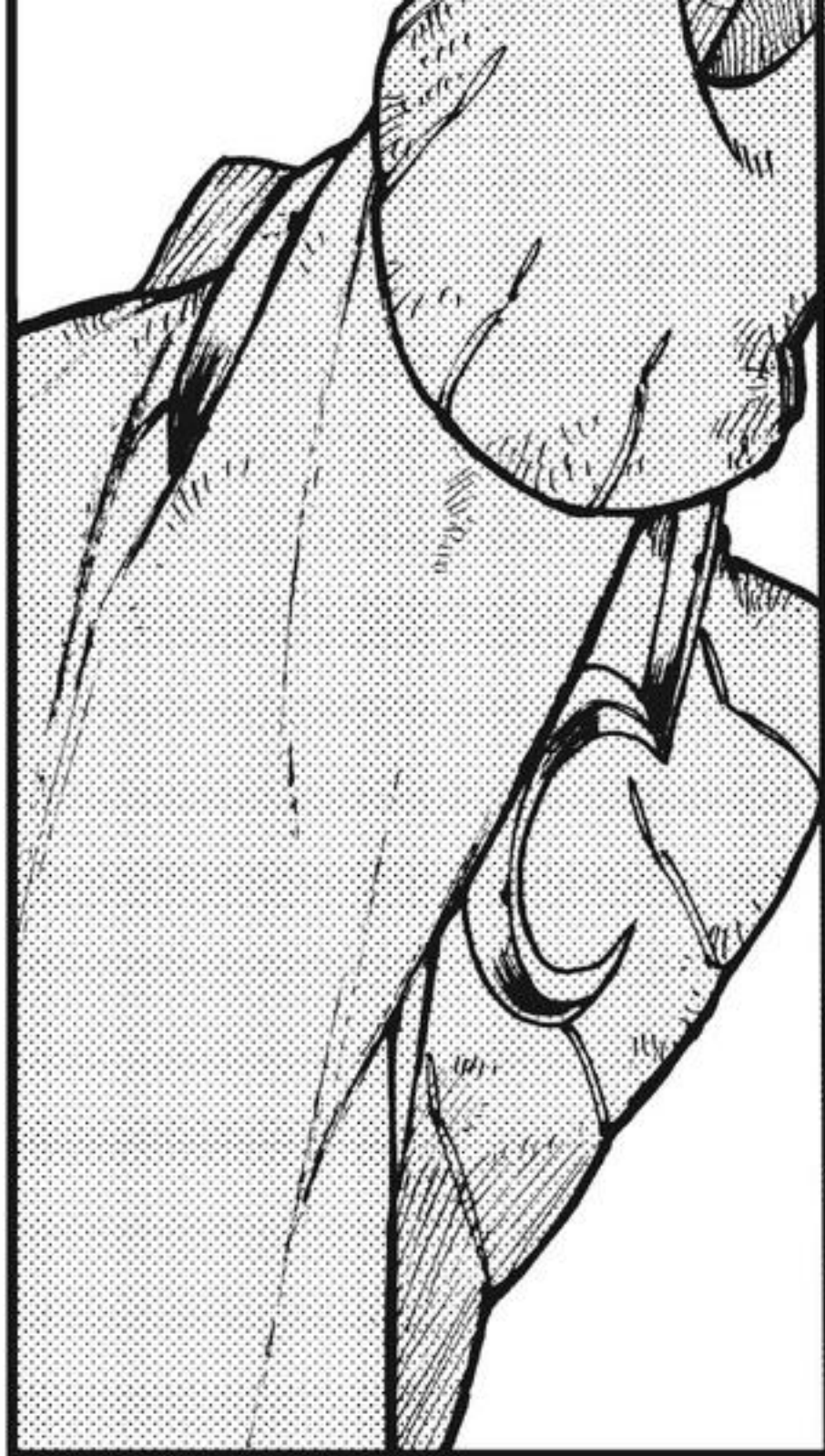
CHIWA!
SOMEONE
KILLED
REGTO!



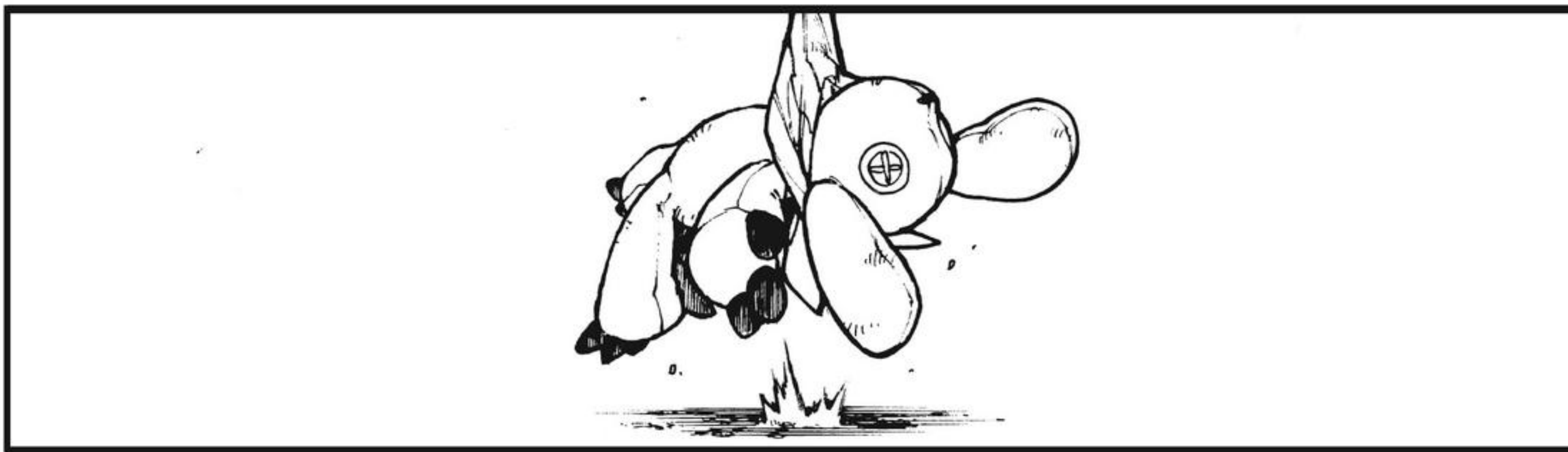
I
BELIEVED
IN YOU...



CHIWA!



BUT YOU'RE
THE SON
OF A KILLER,
AFTER ALL...



HAH...



HA
HA...



RATTLE

DROP
THE
FILTH
INTO
THE
PIT!

RATTLE

RATTLE

DROP
THE
FILTH
INTO
THE
PIT!



RATTLE

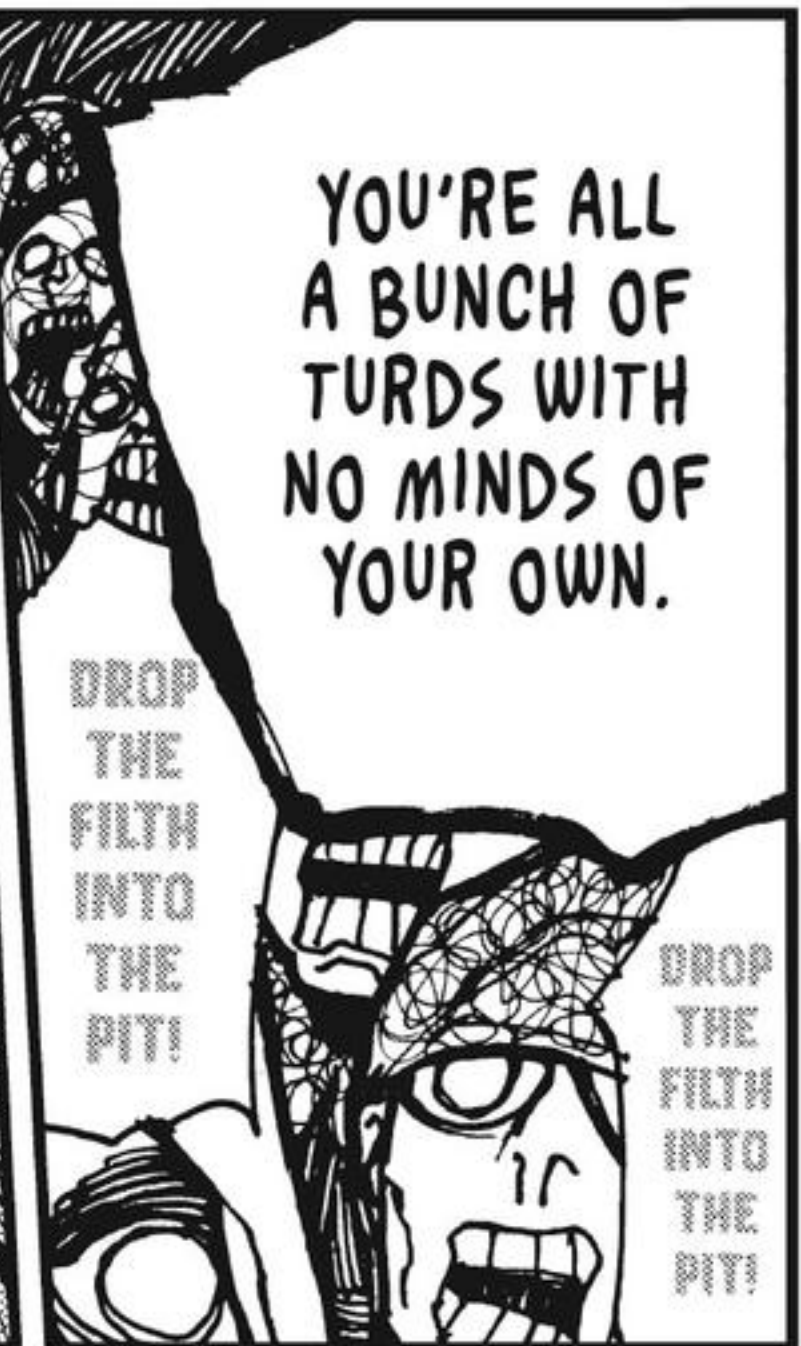
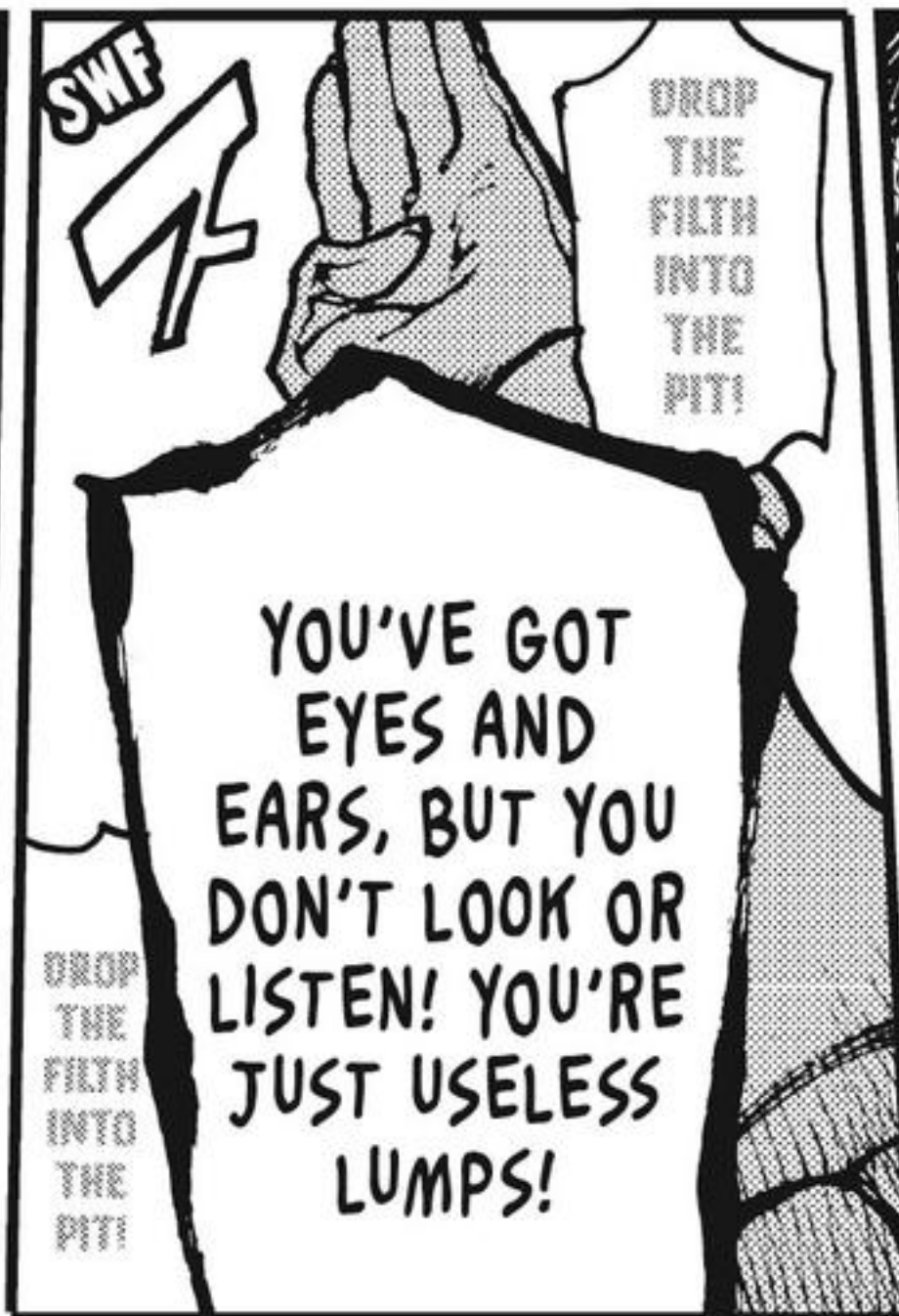
DROP
THE
FILTH
INTO
THE
PIT!

DROP
THE
FILTH
INTO
THE
PIT!

RATTLE

RATTLE

DROP
THE
FILTH
INTO
THE
PIT!







ALL
OF
YOU...



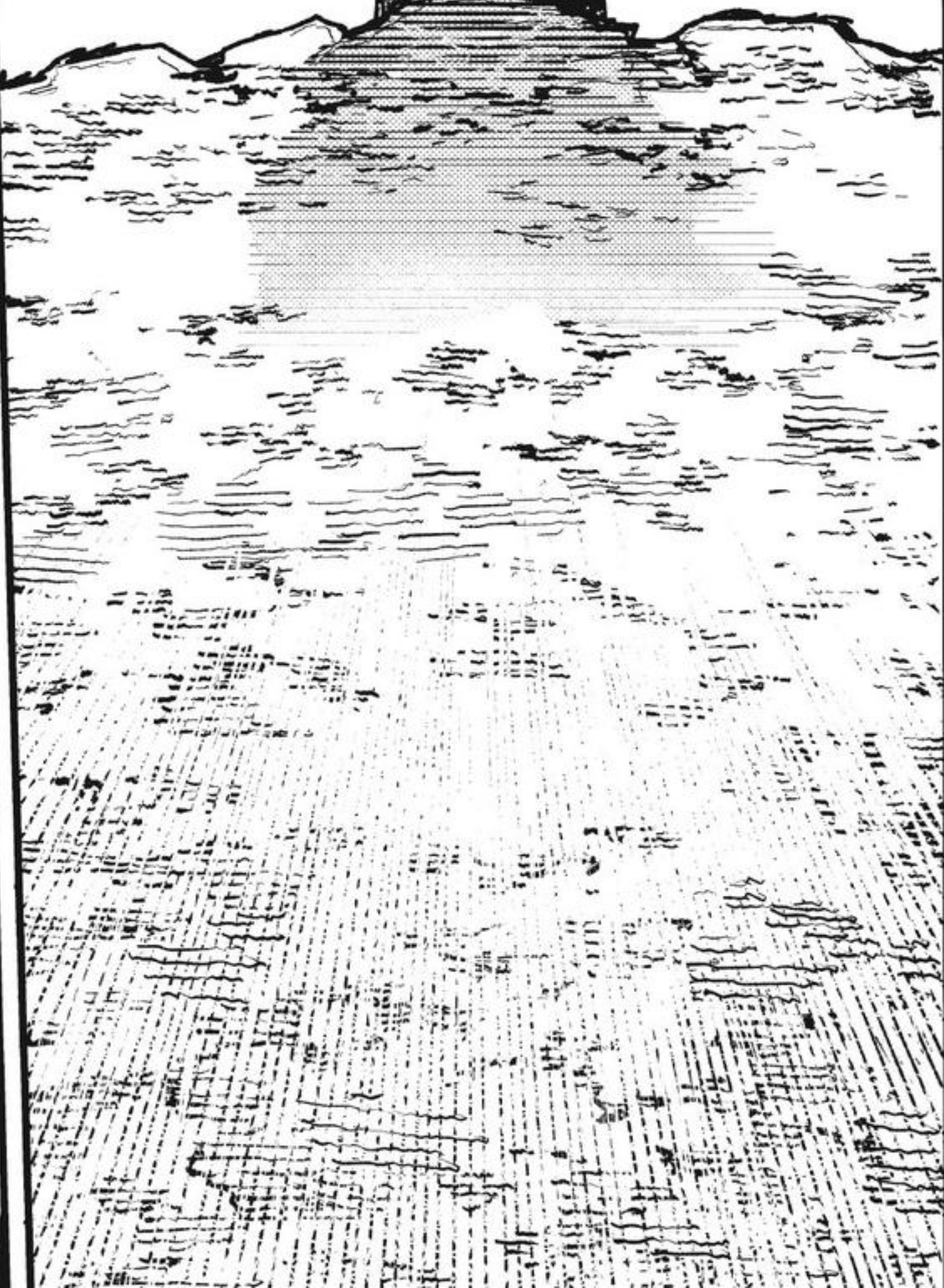
ALL OF
HUMANITY...



EVERY
LAST ONE
OF YOU!!



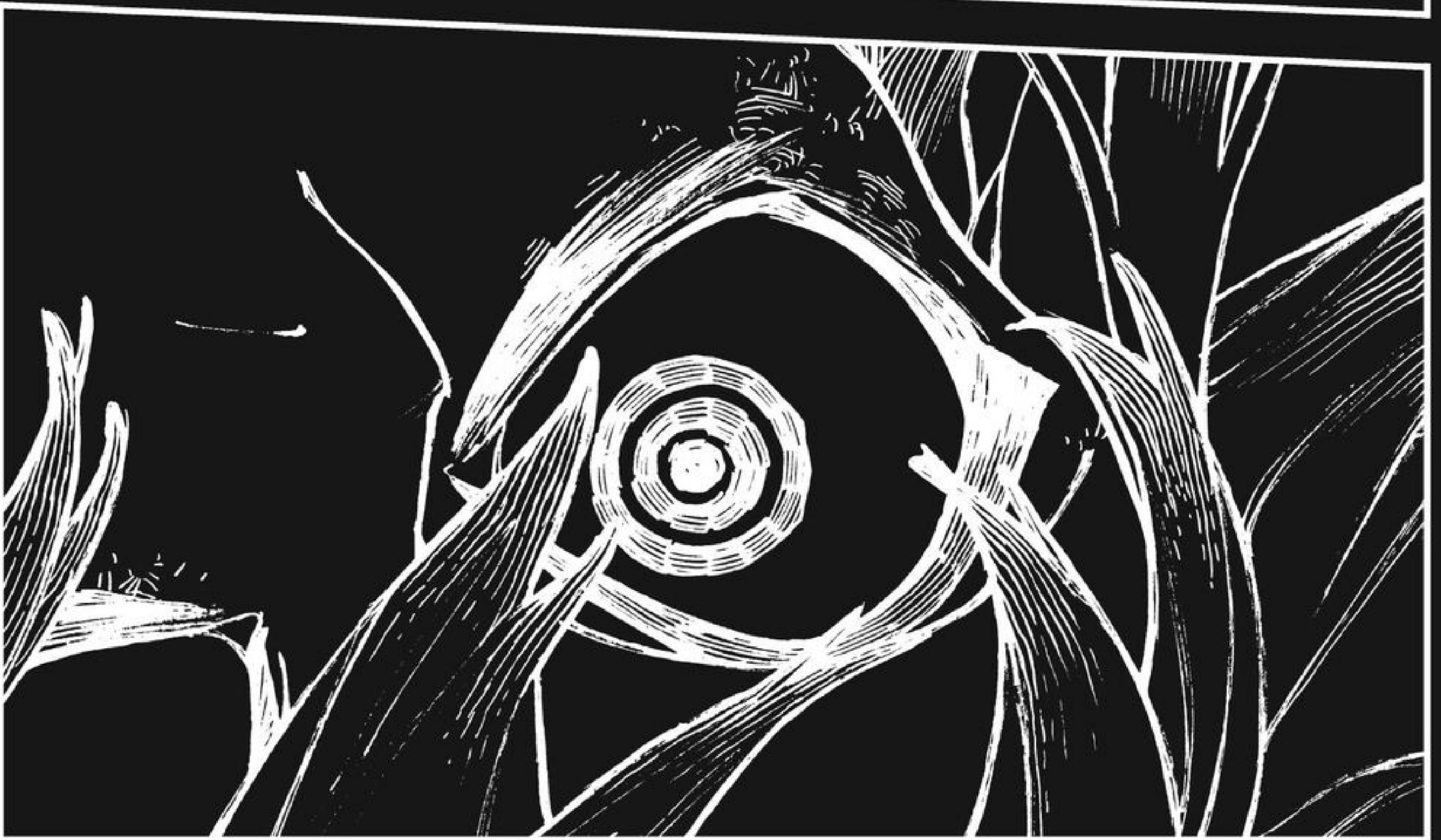
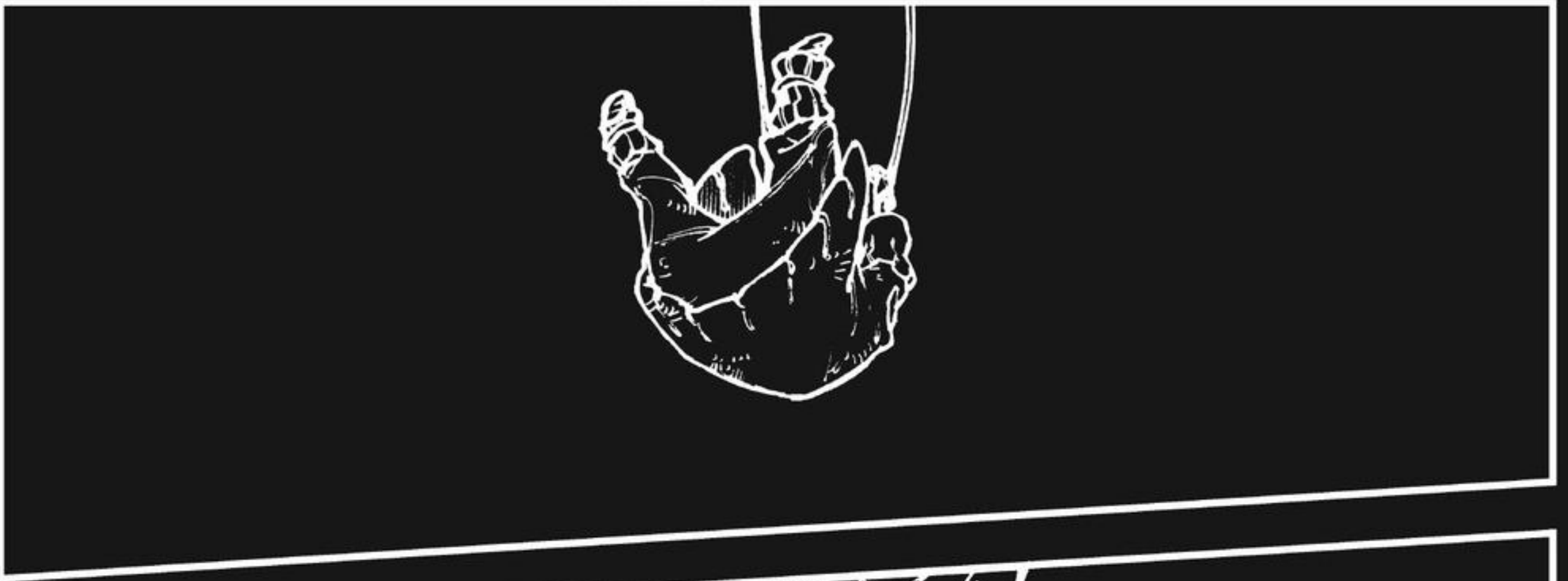
I'M
GONNA
SEND YOU
TO HELL.





I'M
GONNA
KILL—

7
HFWT











...IS
THIS
PLACE?



WHAT...



...GOT
DROPPED
INTO THE
PIT...

I...



I WAS
TOLD IT
WAS A BIG
GARBAGE
DUMP.



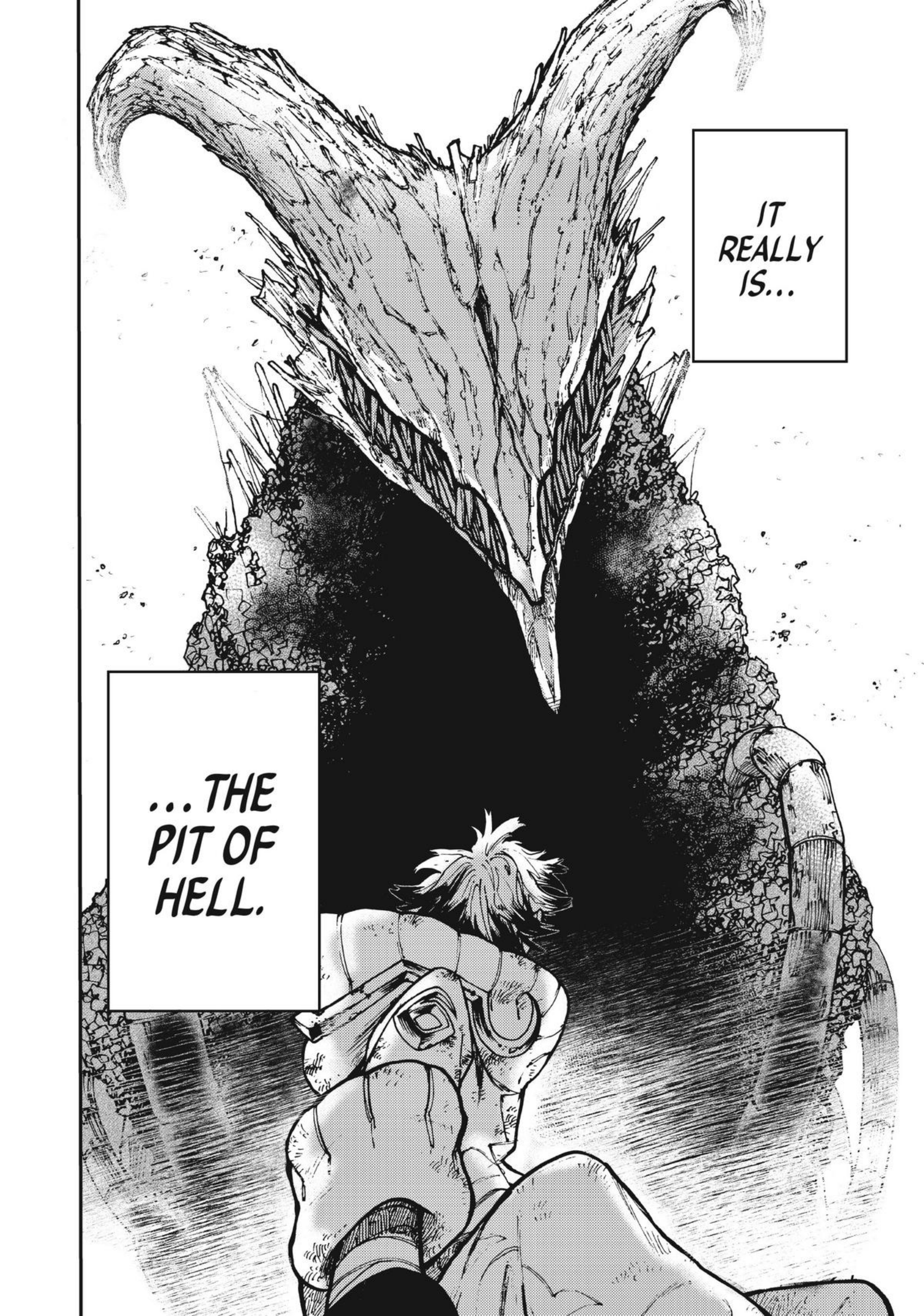


TRASH,
PEOPLE,
EVERY-
THING...



EVERY KIND
OF "FILTH"
EVENTUALLY
WINDS UP
HERE...

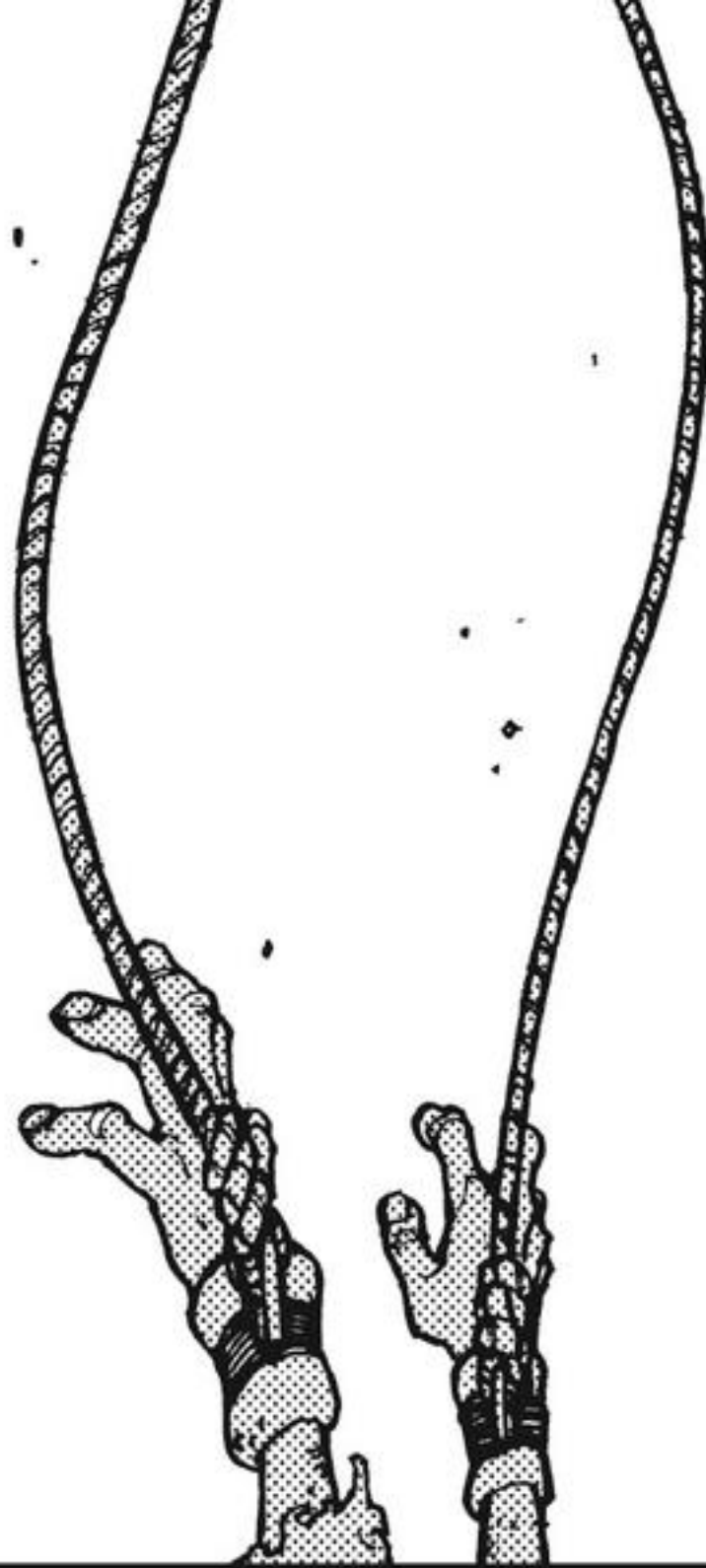




IT
REALLY
IS...

...THE
PIT OF
HELL.

ANOTHER
ONE OF THE
TRIBESFOLK
GOT THE
DROP.



I ALWAYS
THOUGHT
IT WAS
STRANGE
...

THEY
REALLY ARE
REPULSIVE
CREATURES.

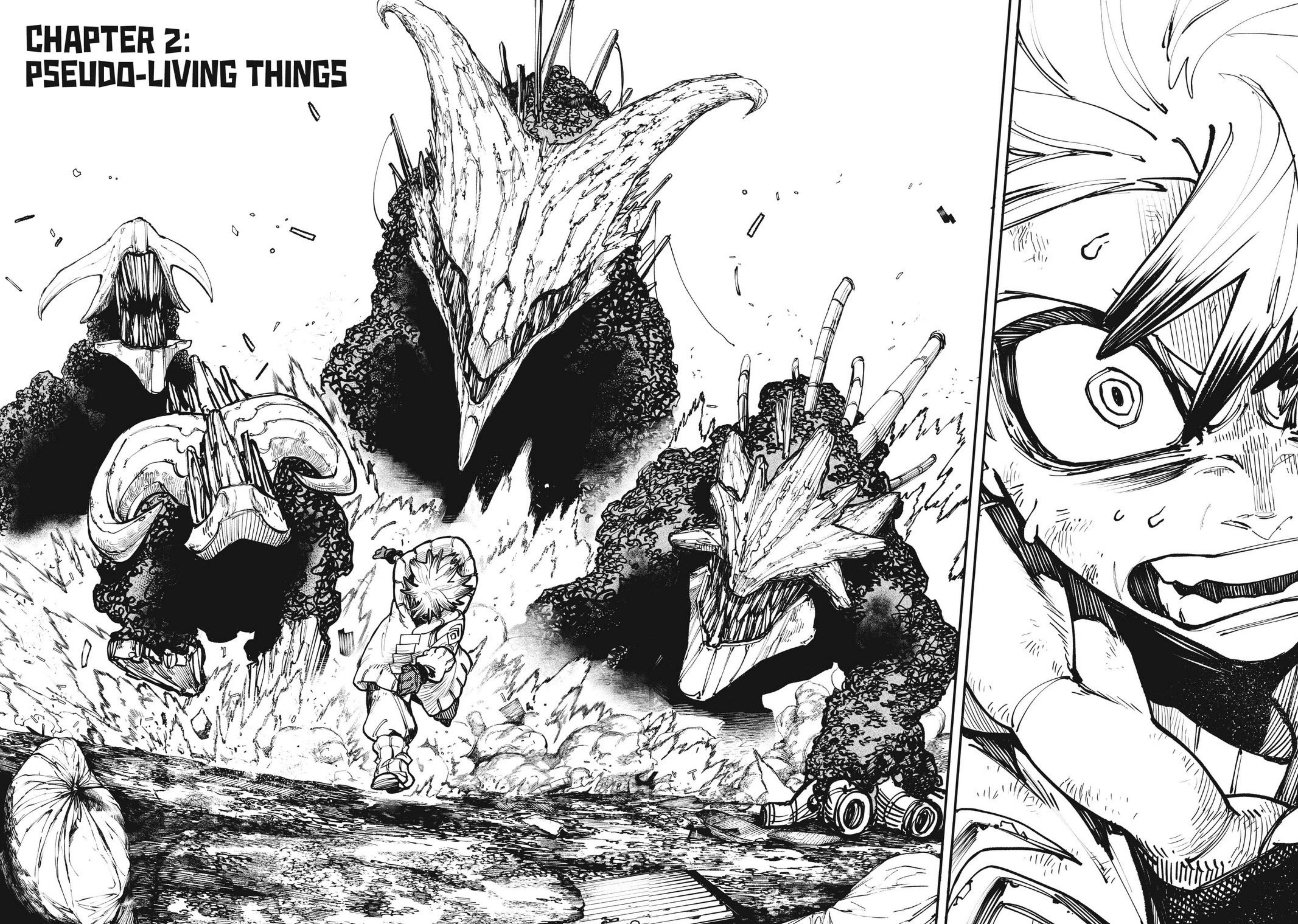
DON'T
EXPECT ME TO
UNDERSTAND
HOW SUCH
FILTHY PEOPLE
THINK.

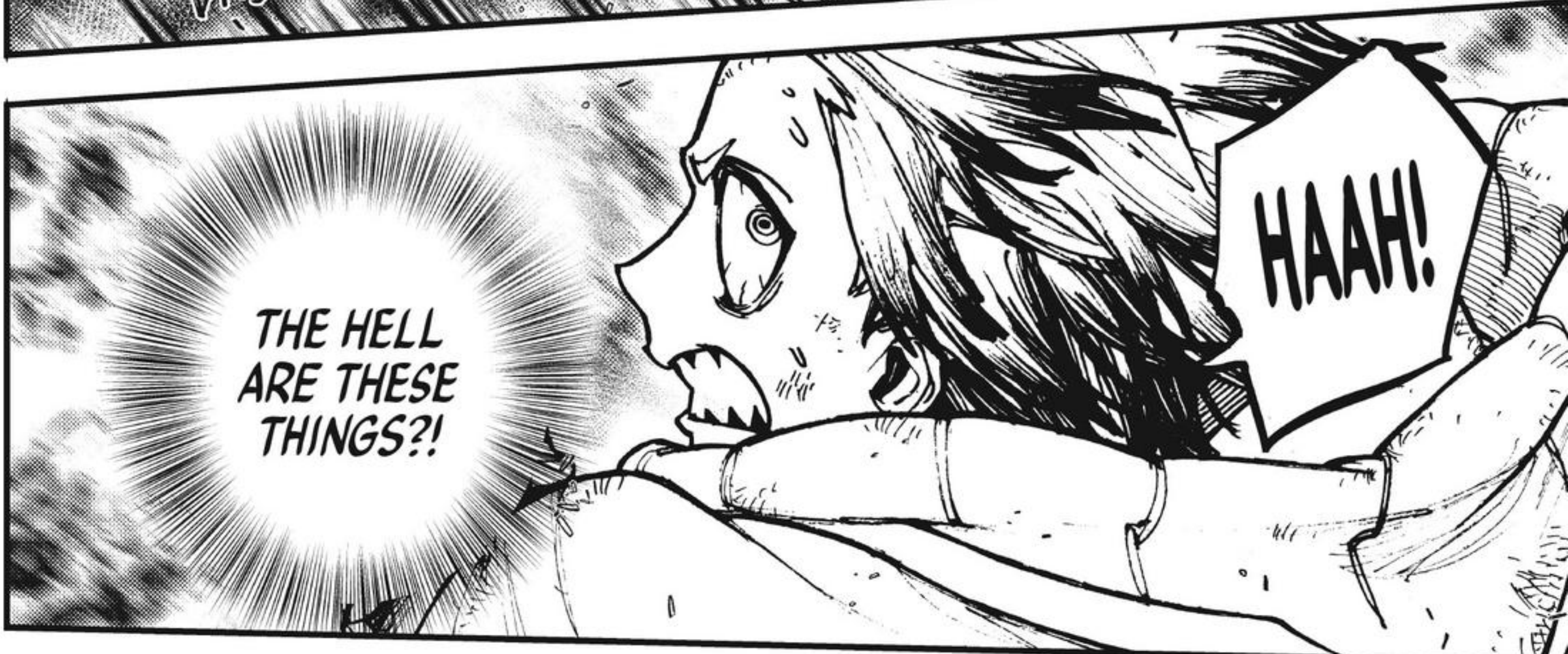
WHY DO THEY
COMMIT CRIMES
WHEN THEY
KNOW THEY'LL
BE SENT DOWN
THERE?

...SO WHY DID
NO ONE EVER
WORRY ABOUT
WHAT HAPPENED
TO PEOPLE
AFTER THEY FELL
INTO THE PIT?
DID THEY JUST
NEVER THINK
ABOUT IT?

EVERYONE
WAS SO
OBSESSED
WITH
"FILTH" AND
"CRIMINALS"...

CHAPTER 2: PSEUDO-LIVING THINGS







HOW DO
THESE
THINGS
EVEN...



RATTLE



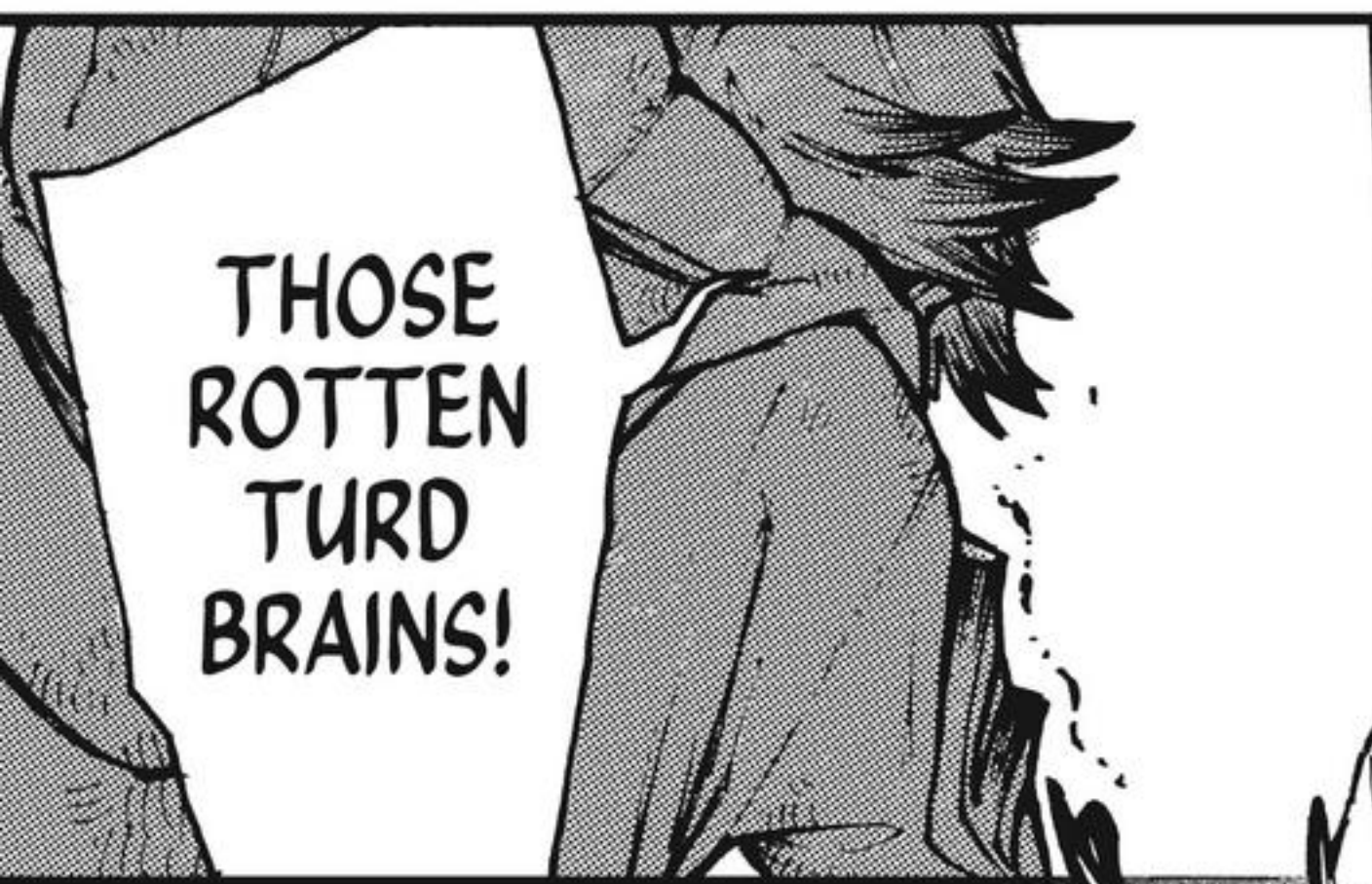
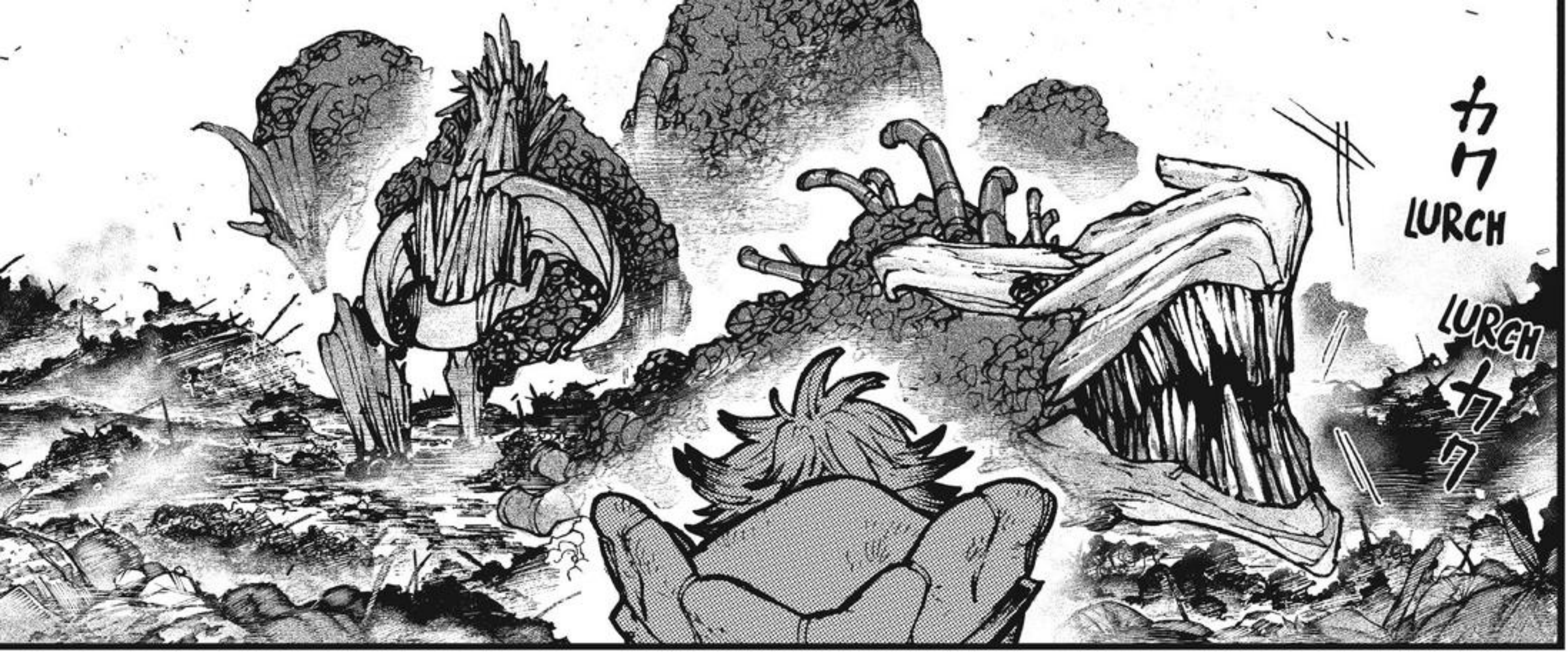
NGH...



ROLL
ROLL

THUD
THUD





THOSE
ROTTEN
TURD
BRAINS!

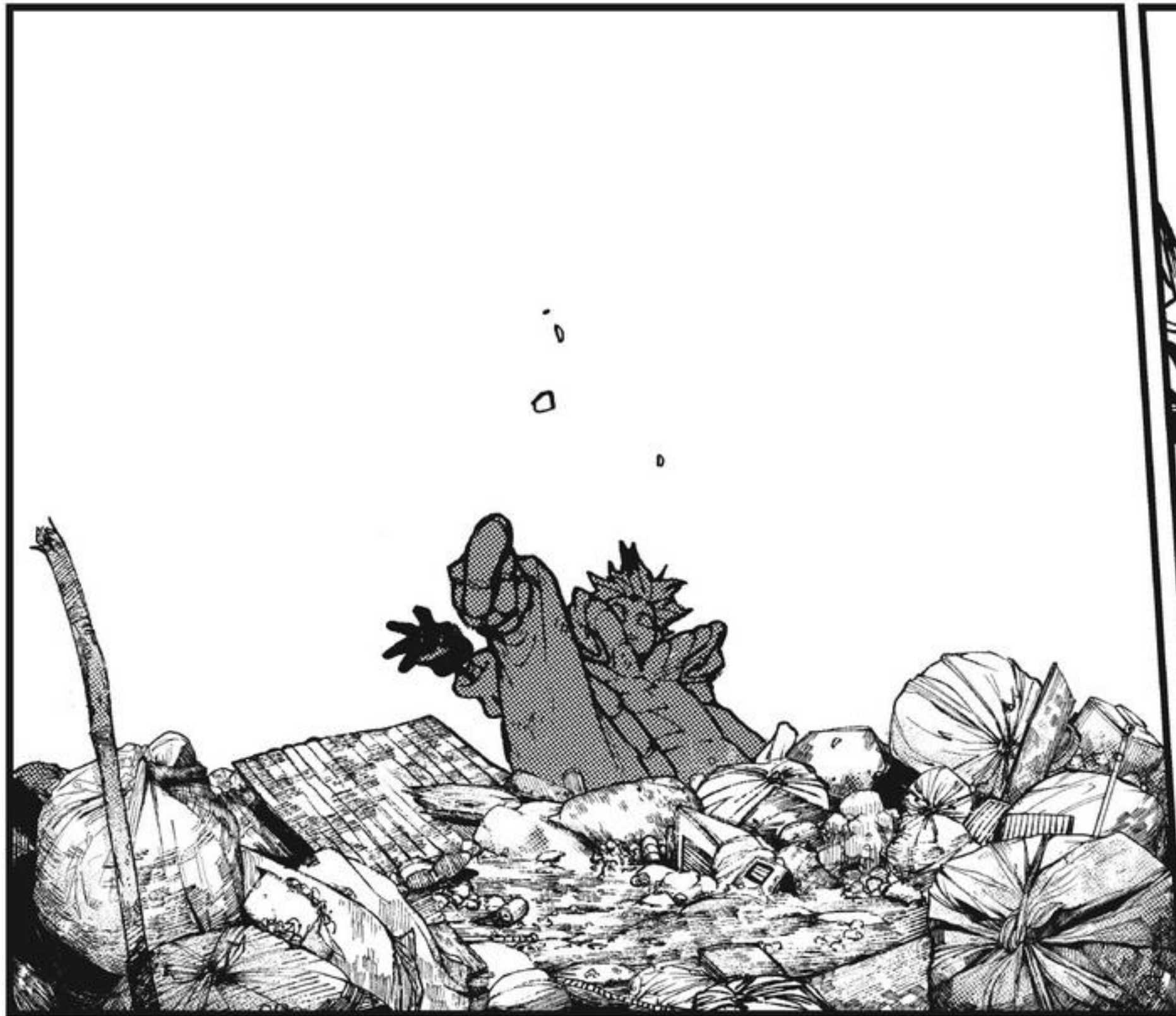


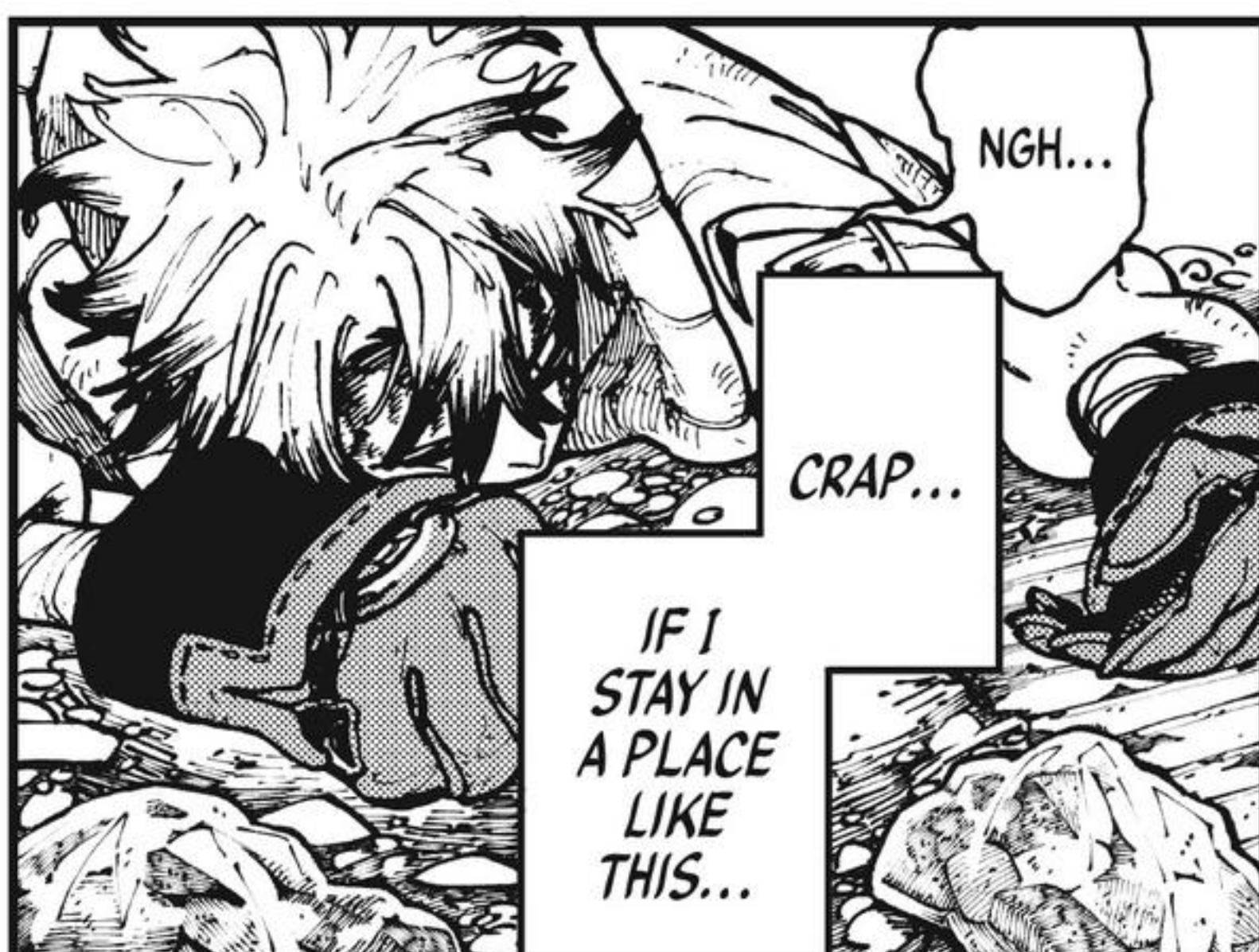
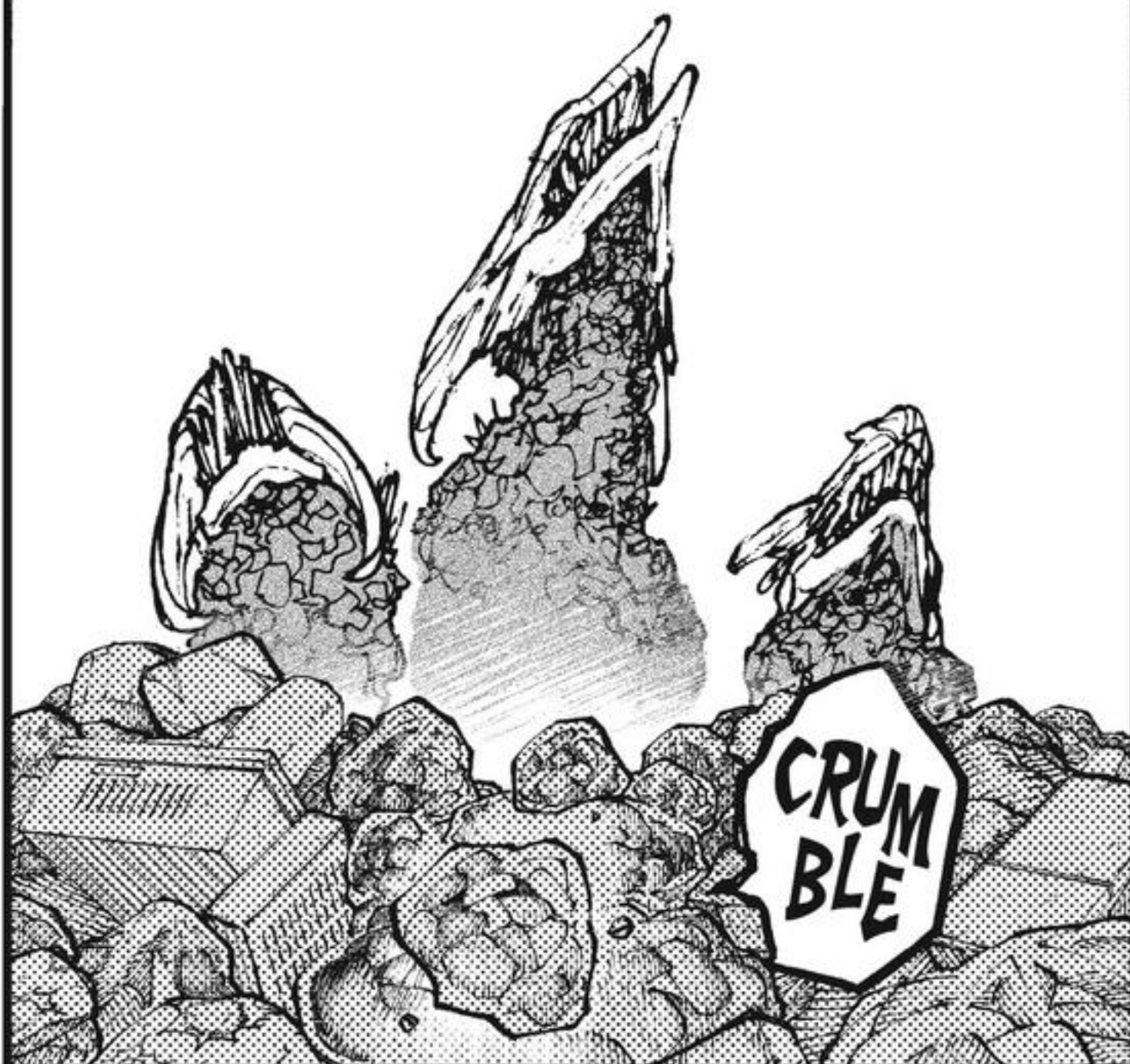
SHIT...



...FOR
DROPPING
ME IN A
PLACE
LIKE
THIS!

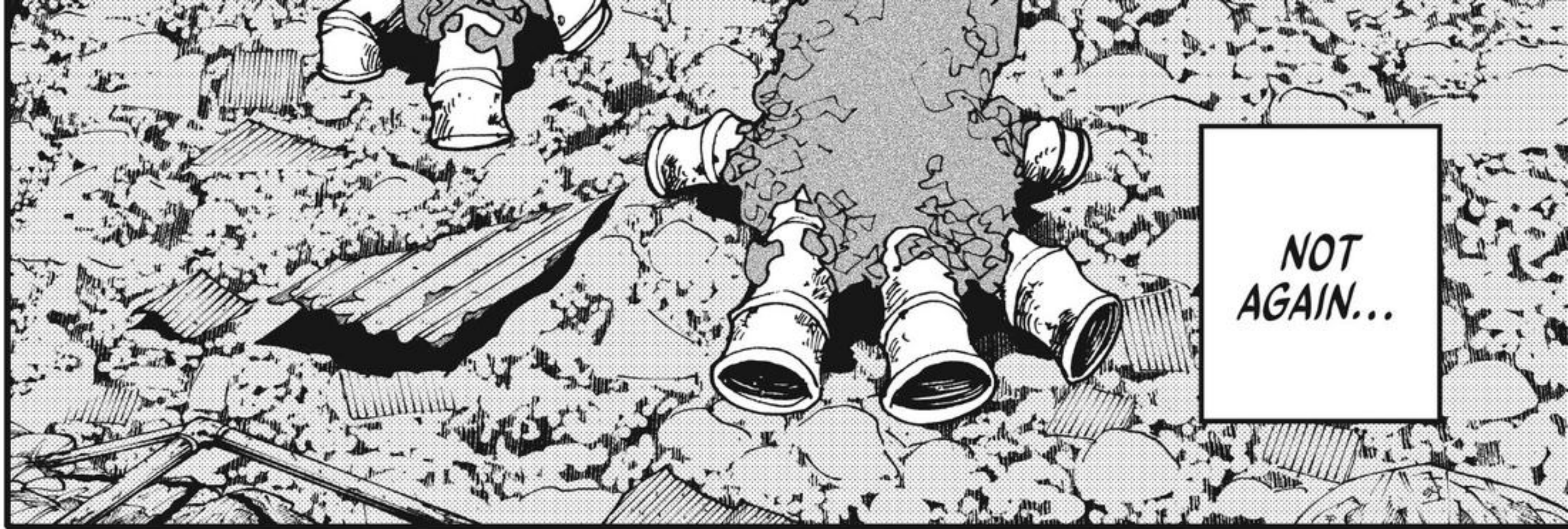
DAMN
YOU ALL
...



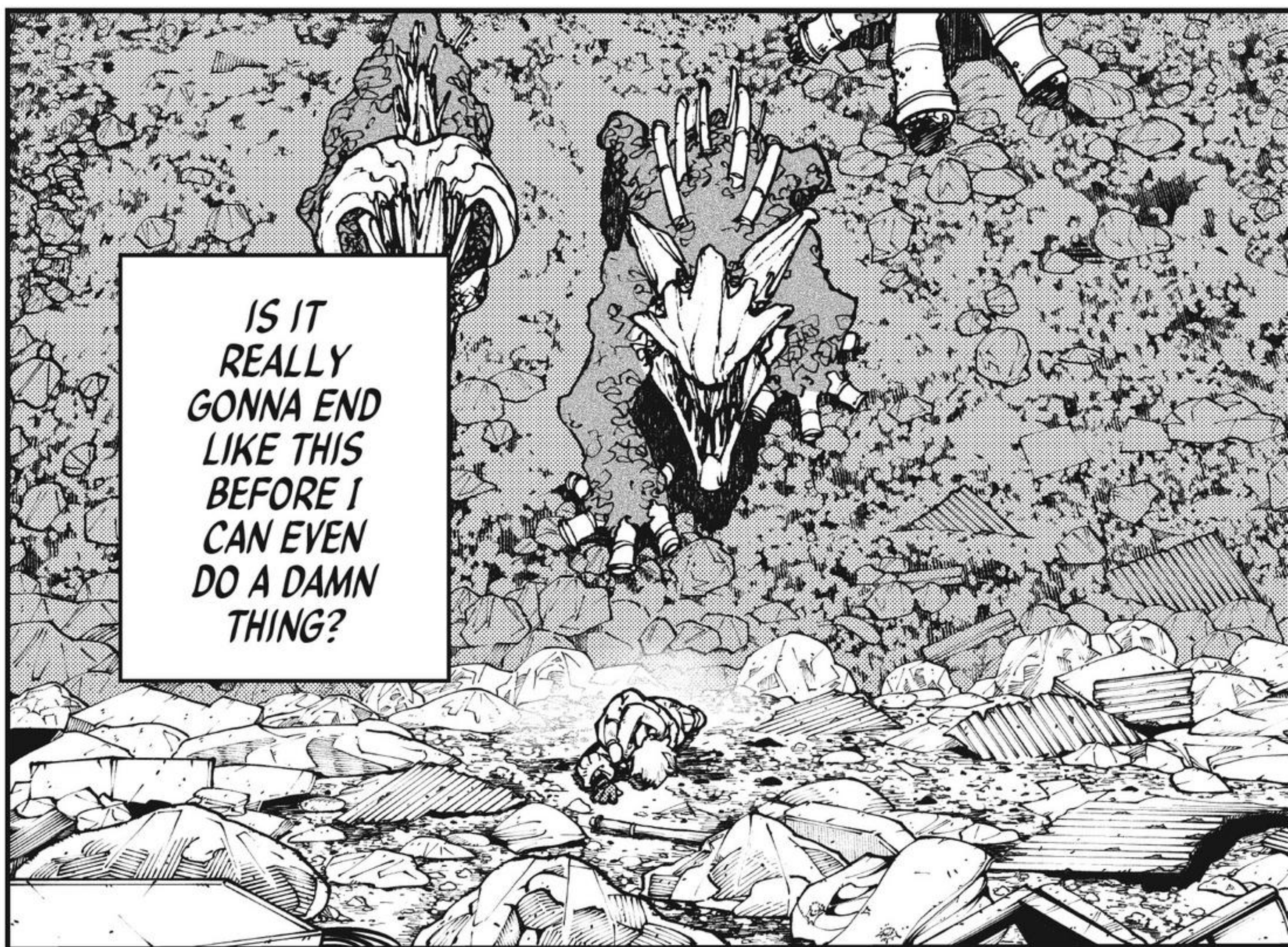




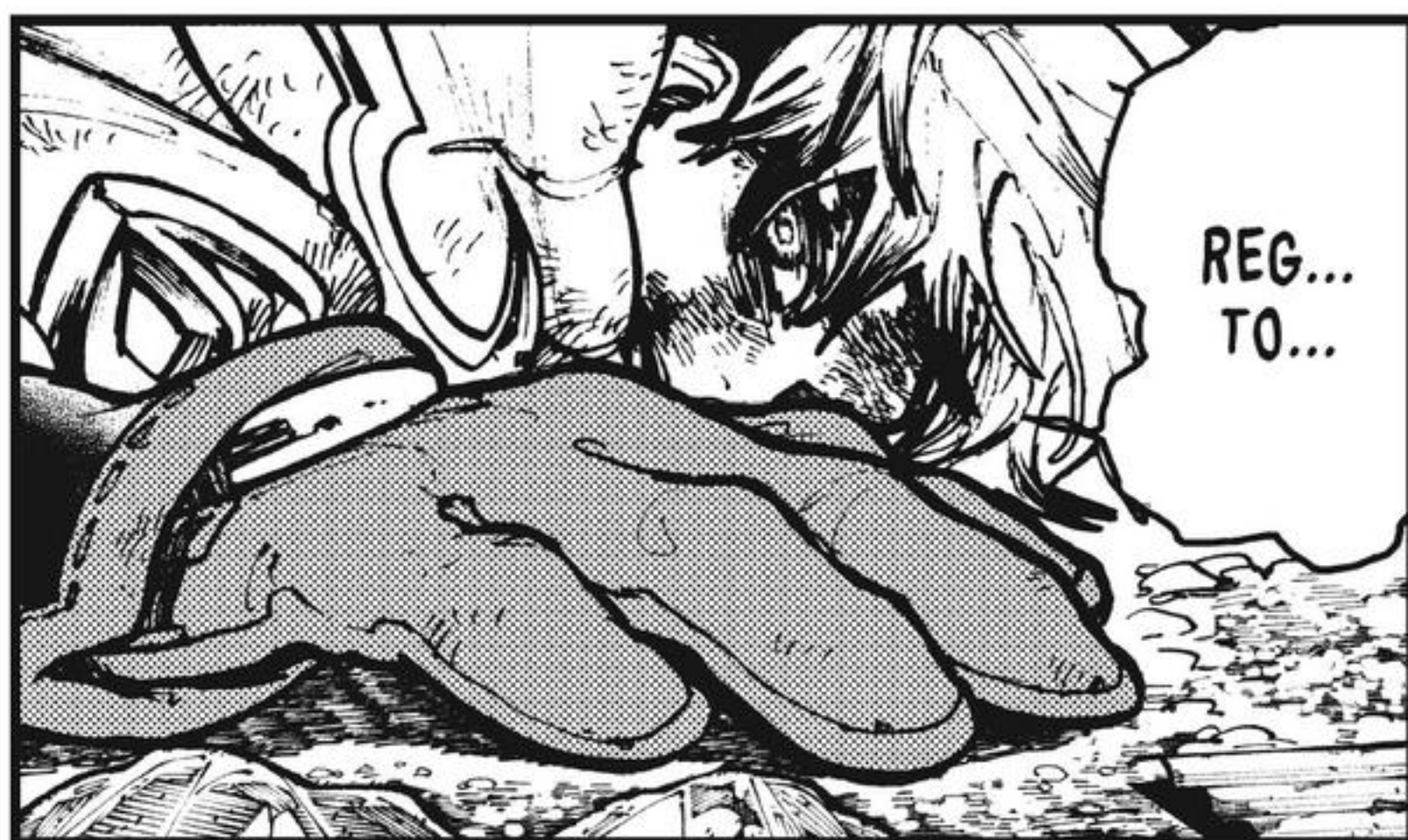




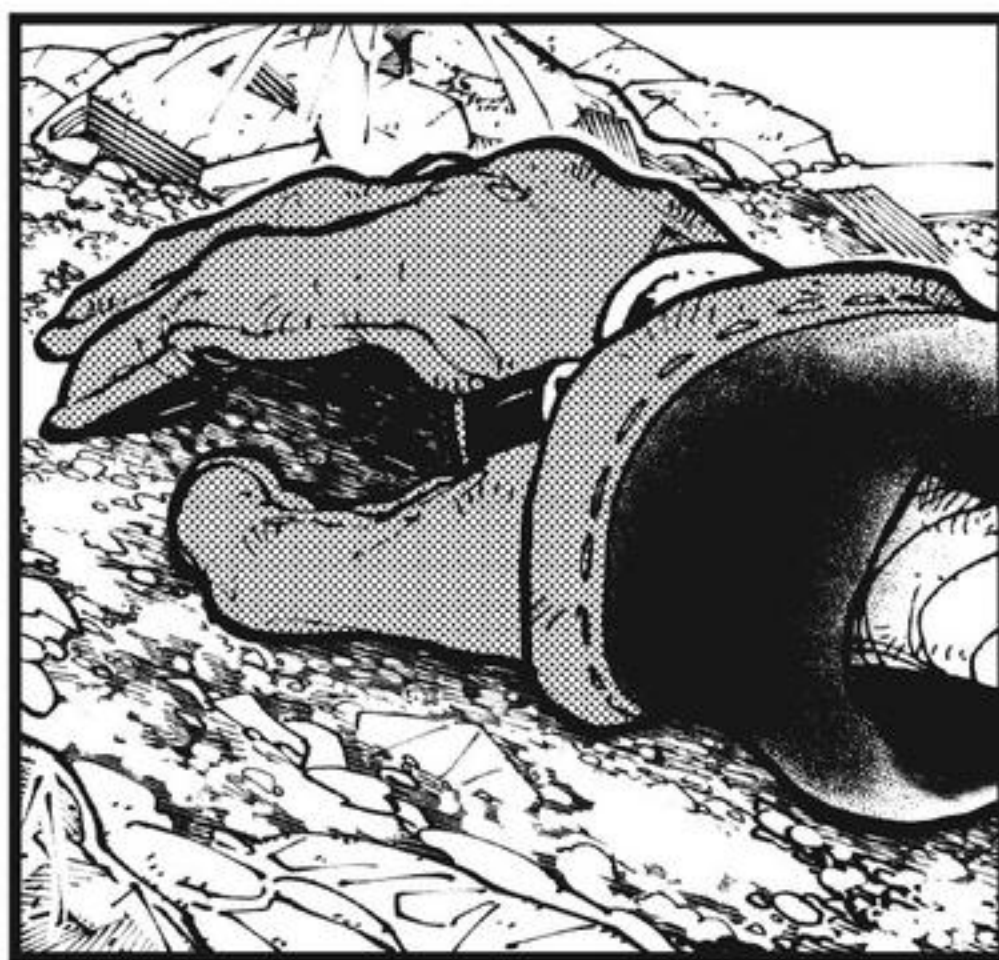
NOT
AGAIN...



IS IT
REALLY
GONNA END
LIKE THIS
BEFORE I
CAN EVEN
DO A DAMN
THING?



REG...
TO...





THOSE
BASTARDS
WHO
PINNED IT
ON ME...

THE
GUY WHO
KILLED
REGTO...



EVERYONE
WHO
LOOKED
DOWN ON
ME...



THAT'S
RIGHT...
THERE'S
STILL
SOMETHING
I'VE GOT
TO DO.

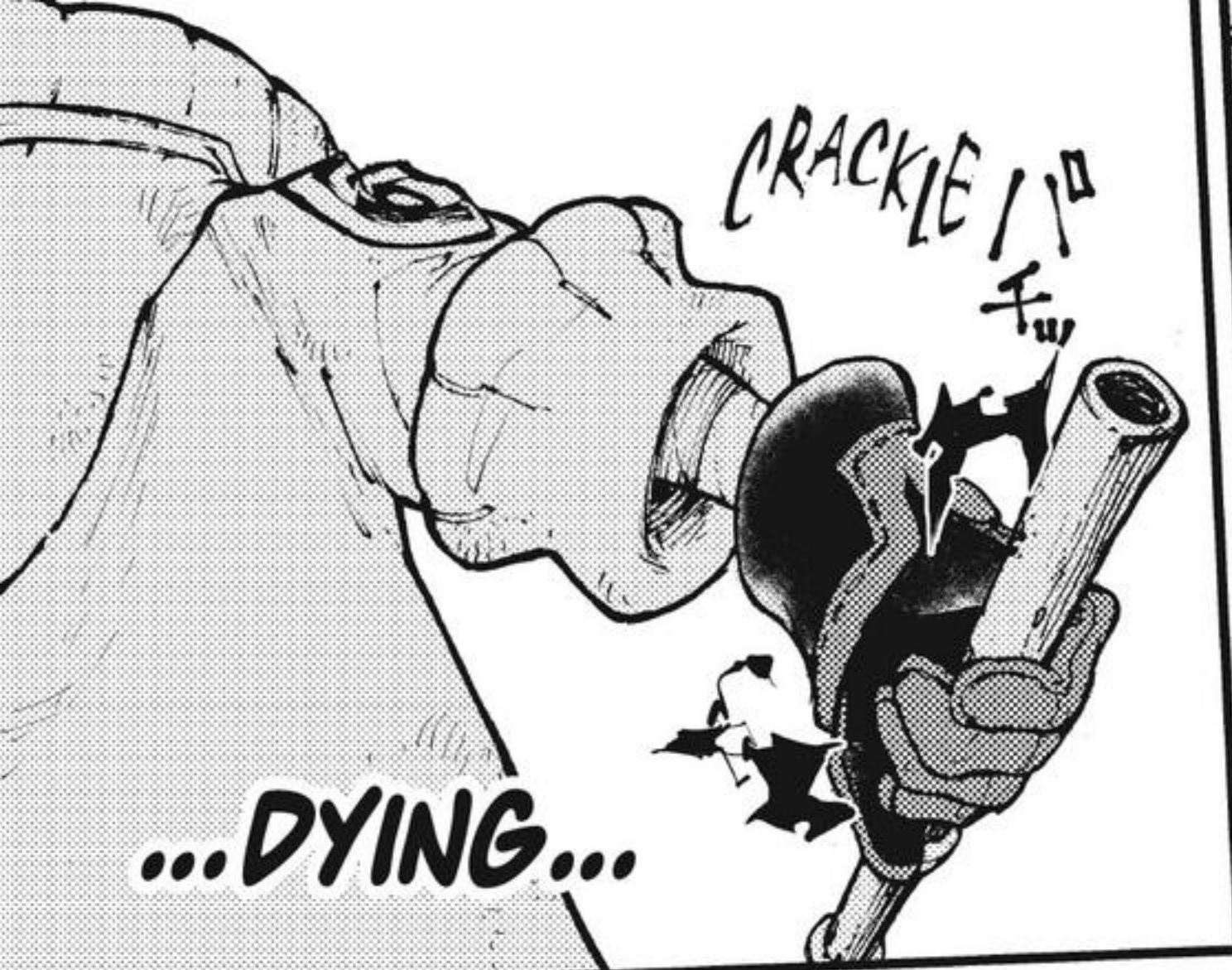


NO!

I CAN'T
DIE!

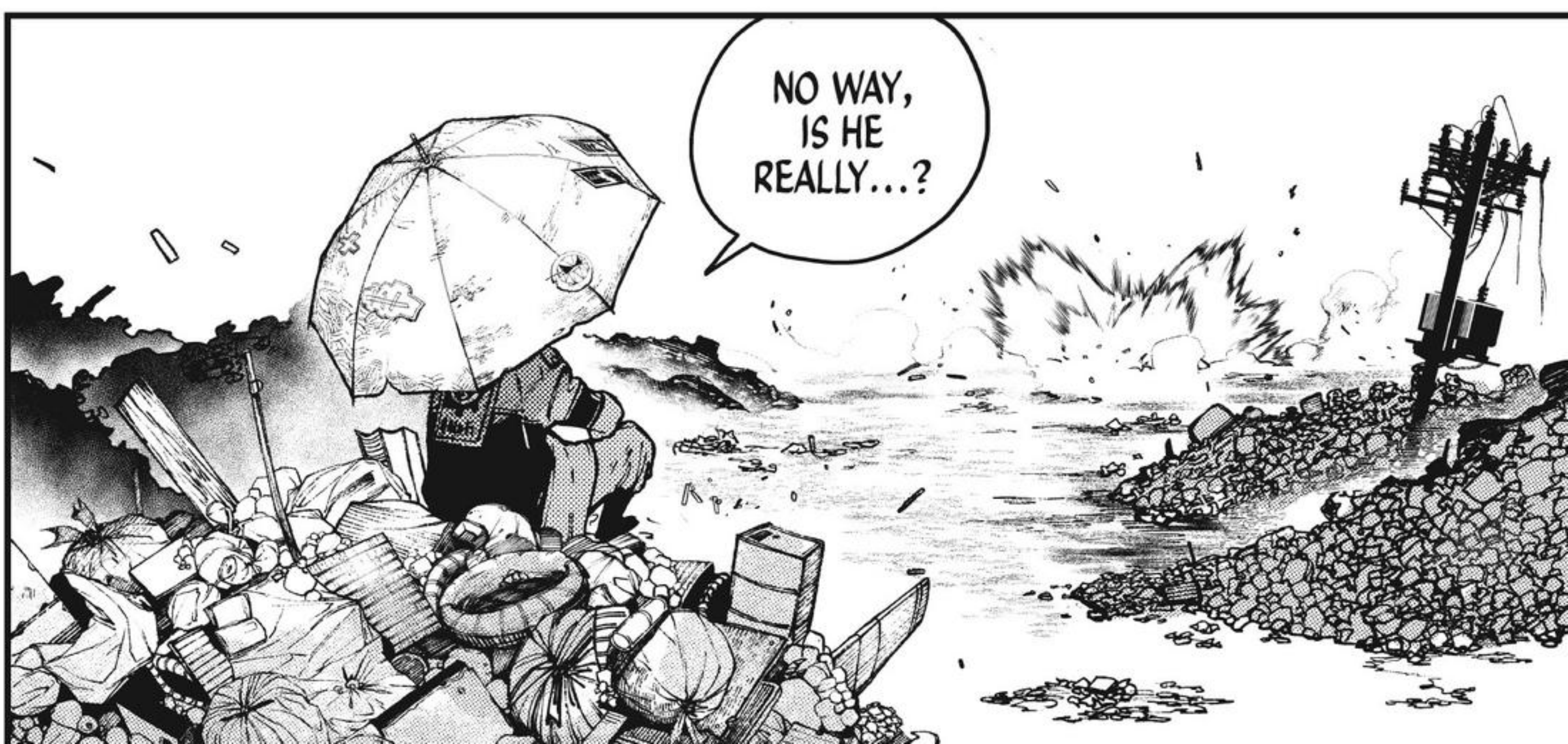
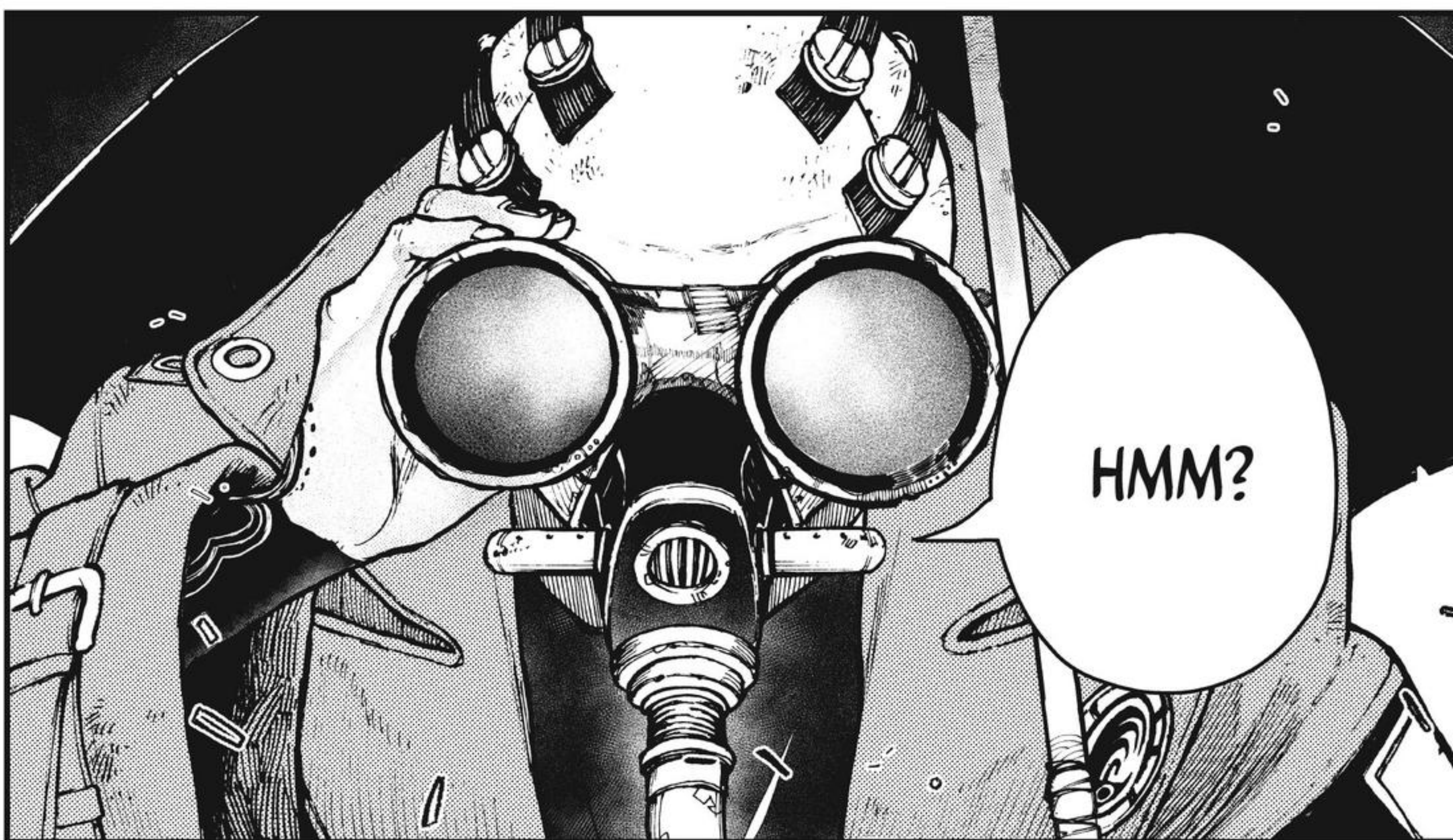
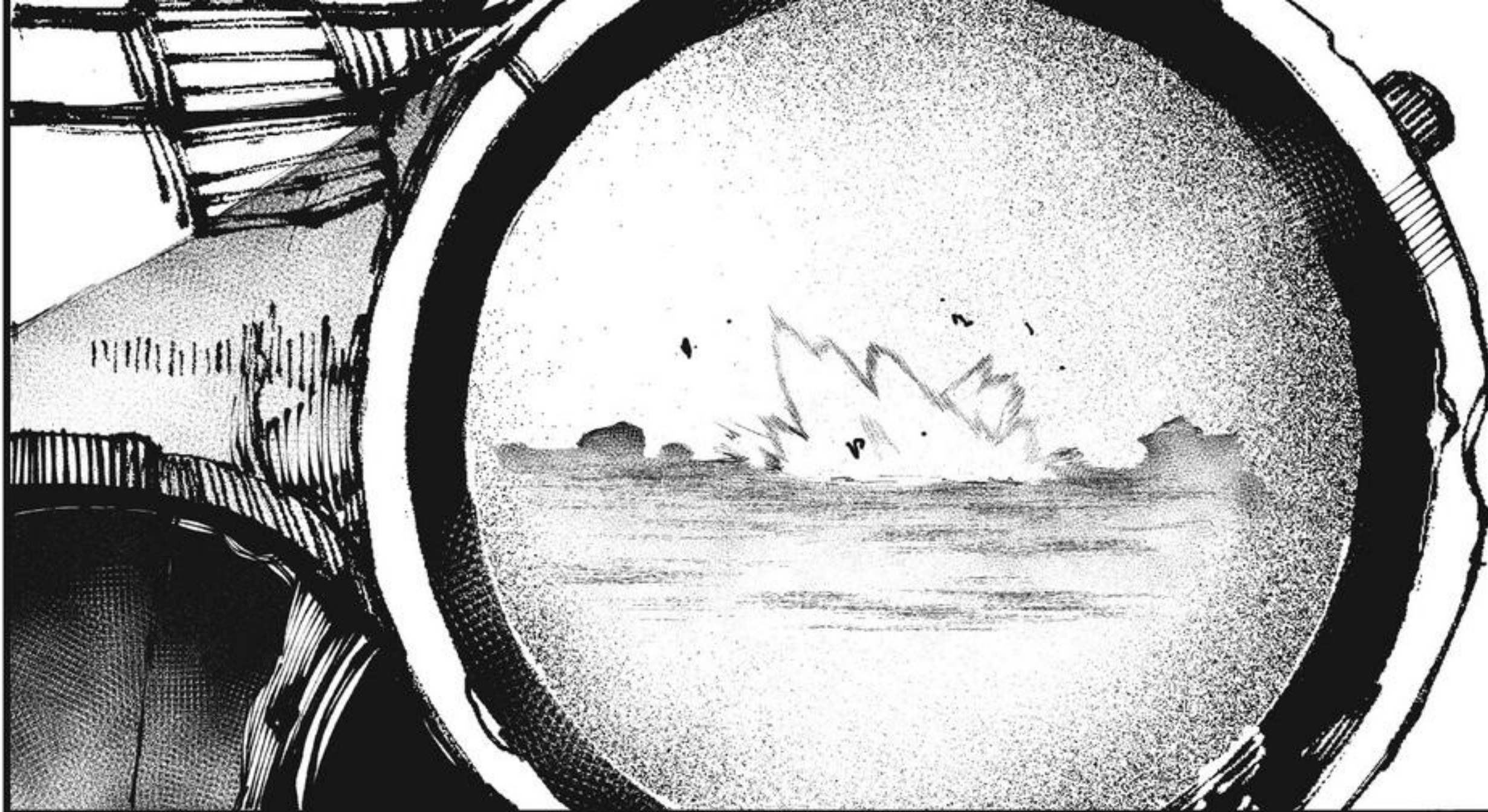
**I'LL
KICK
ALL
THEIR
ASSES!**





...DYING...



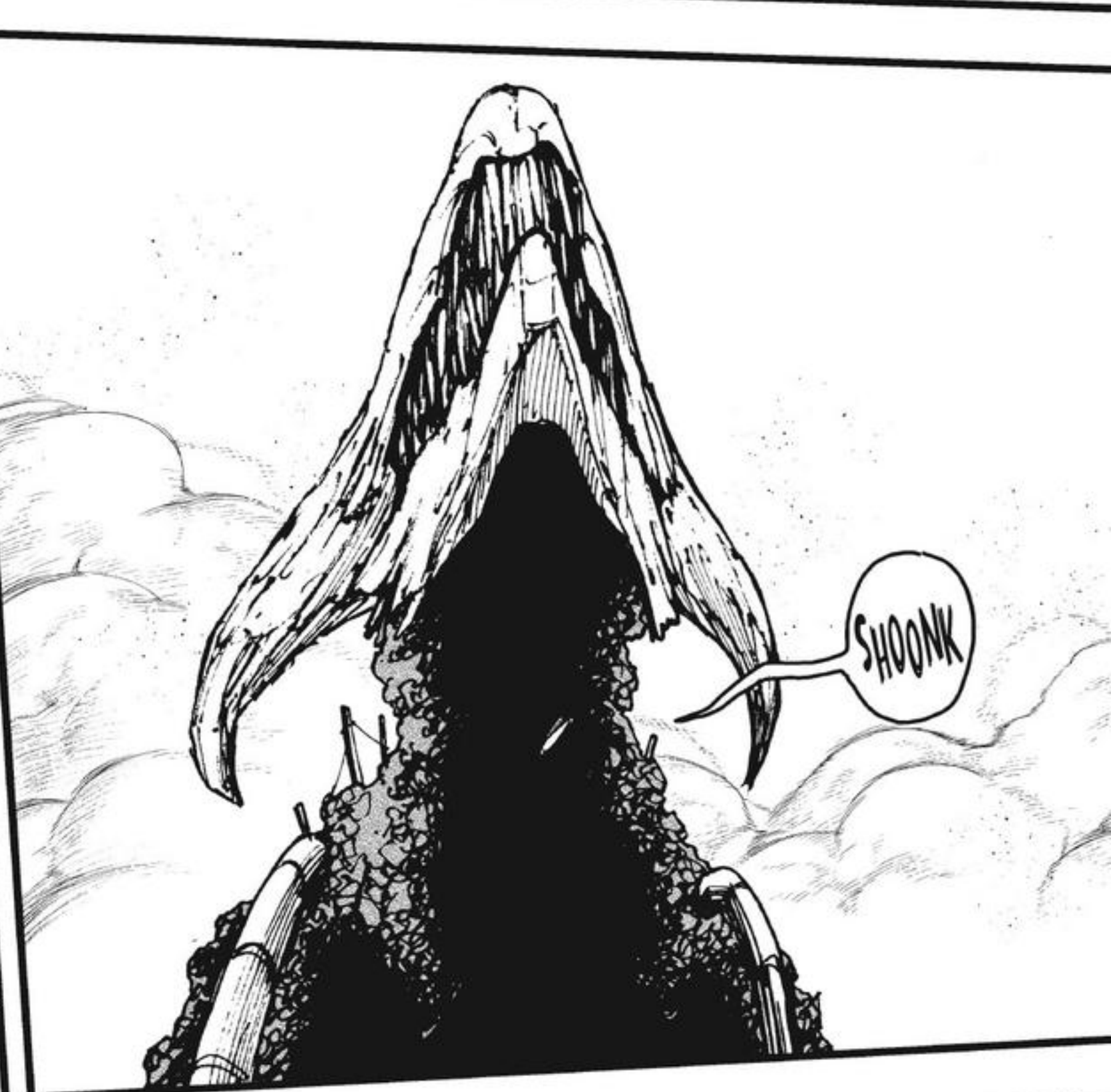


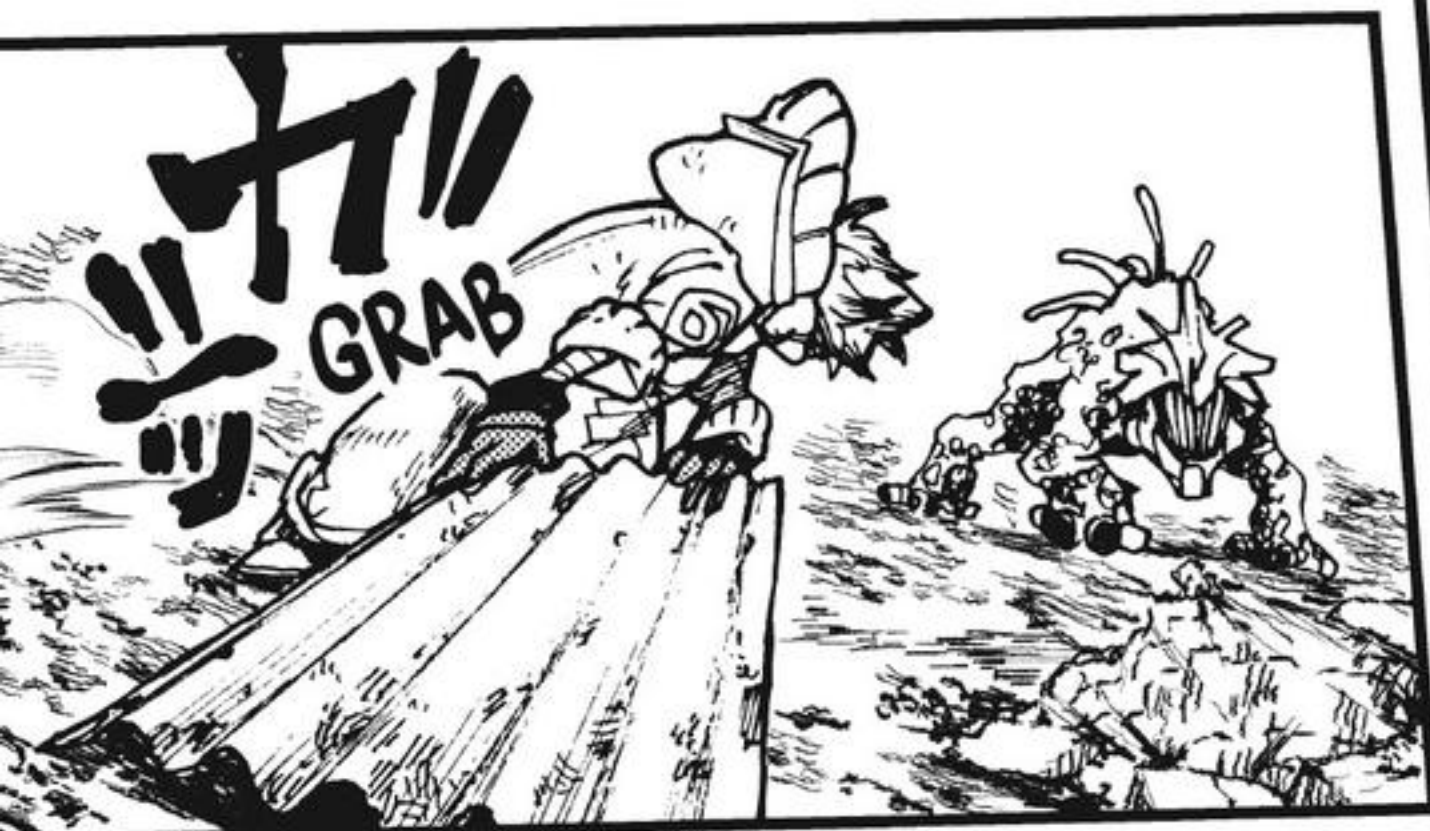


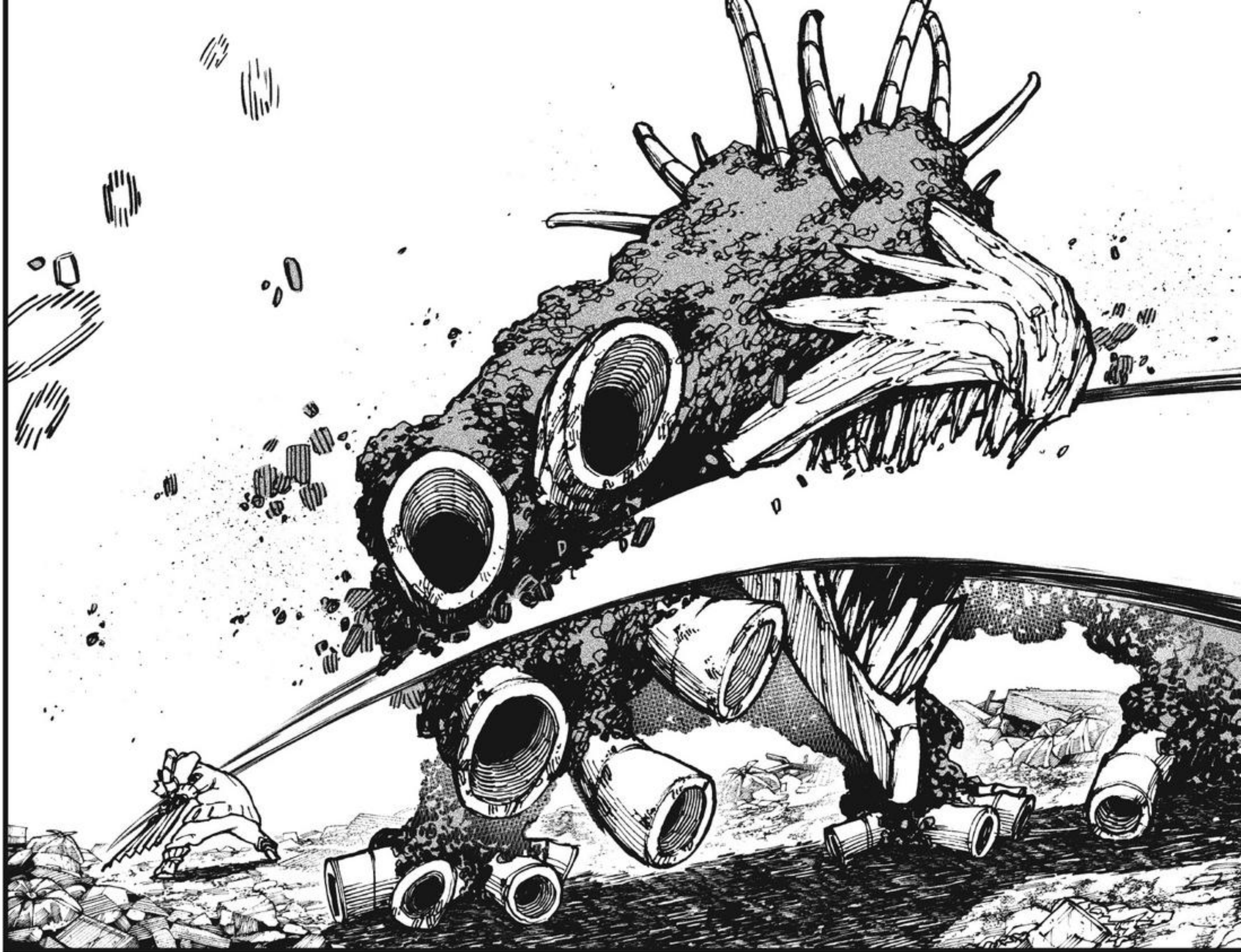
...I'M SICK OF
YOUR STENCH!
YOU STINKIN'
TURDS!

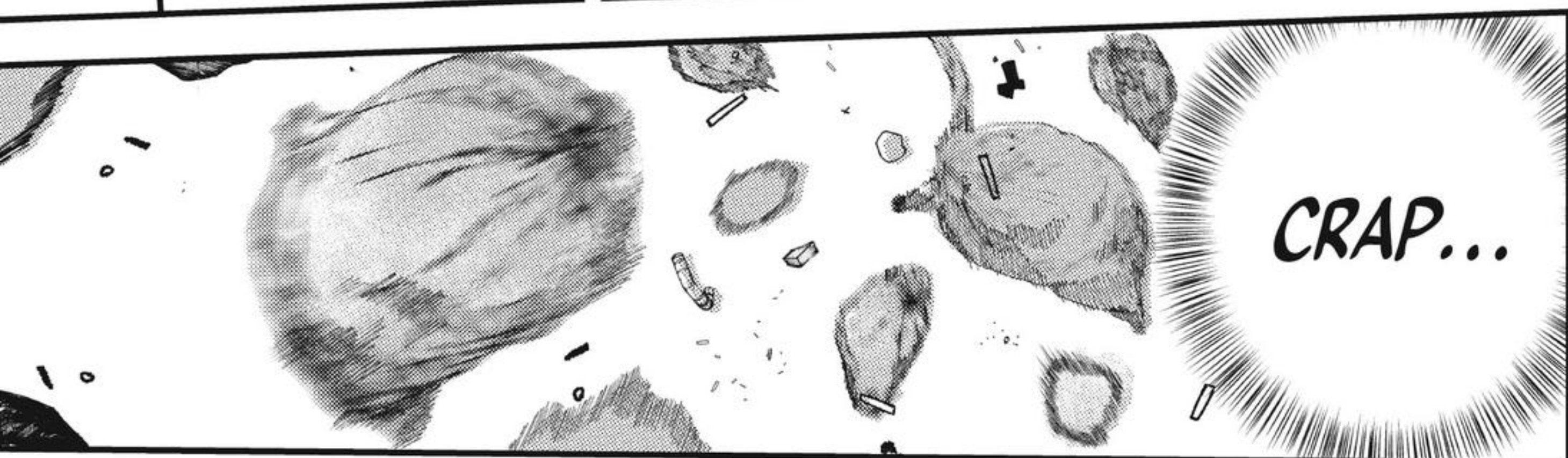
THIS SHITTY
WORLD,
YOU DAMN
MONSTERS...



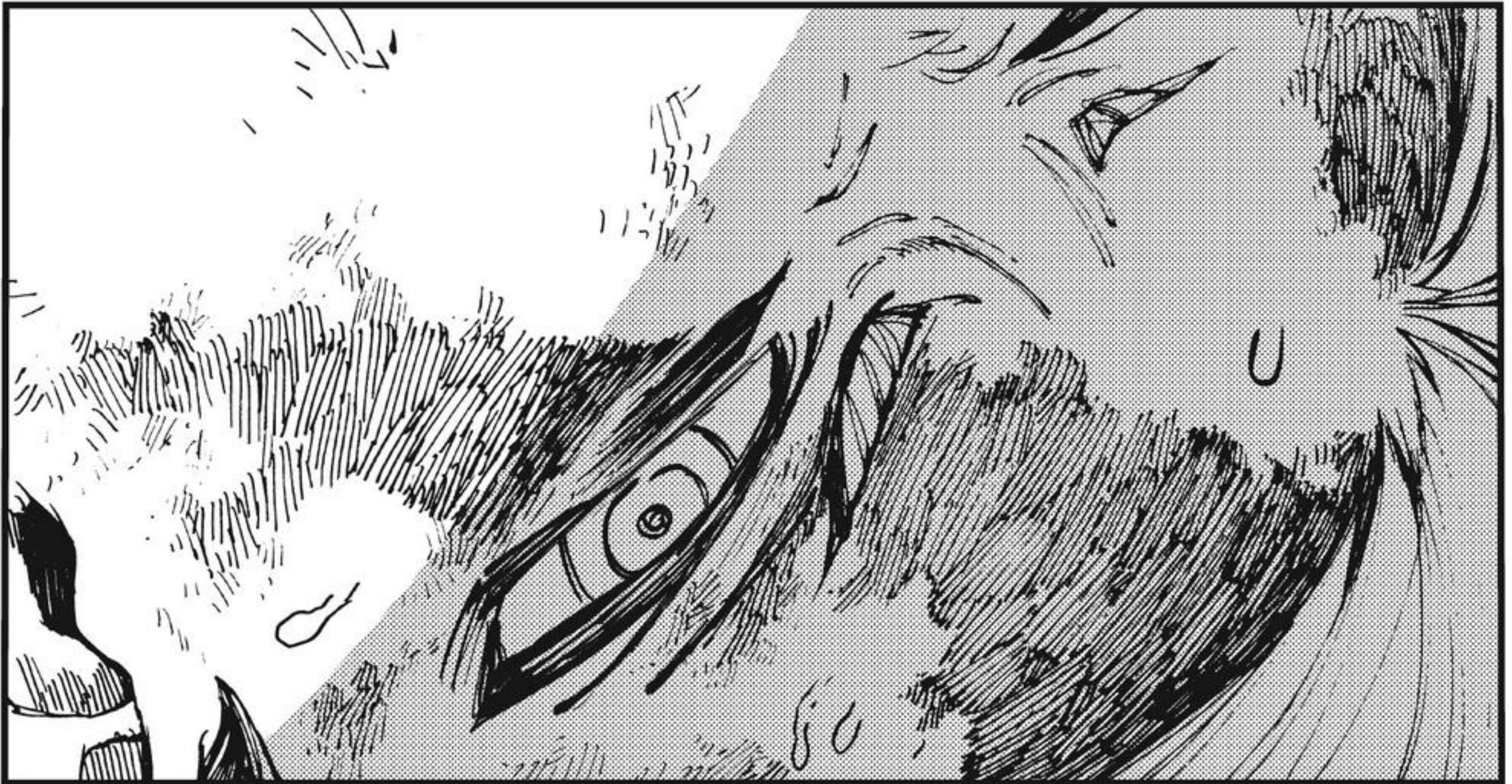
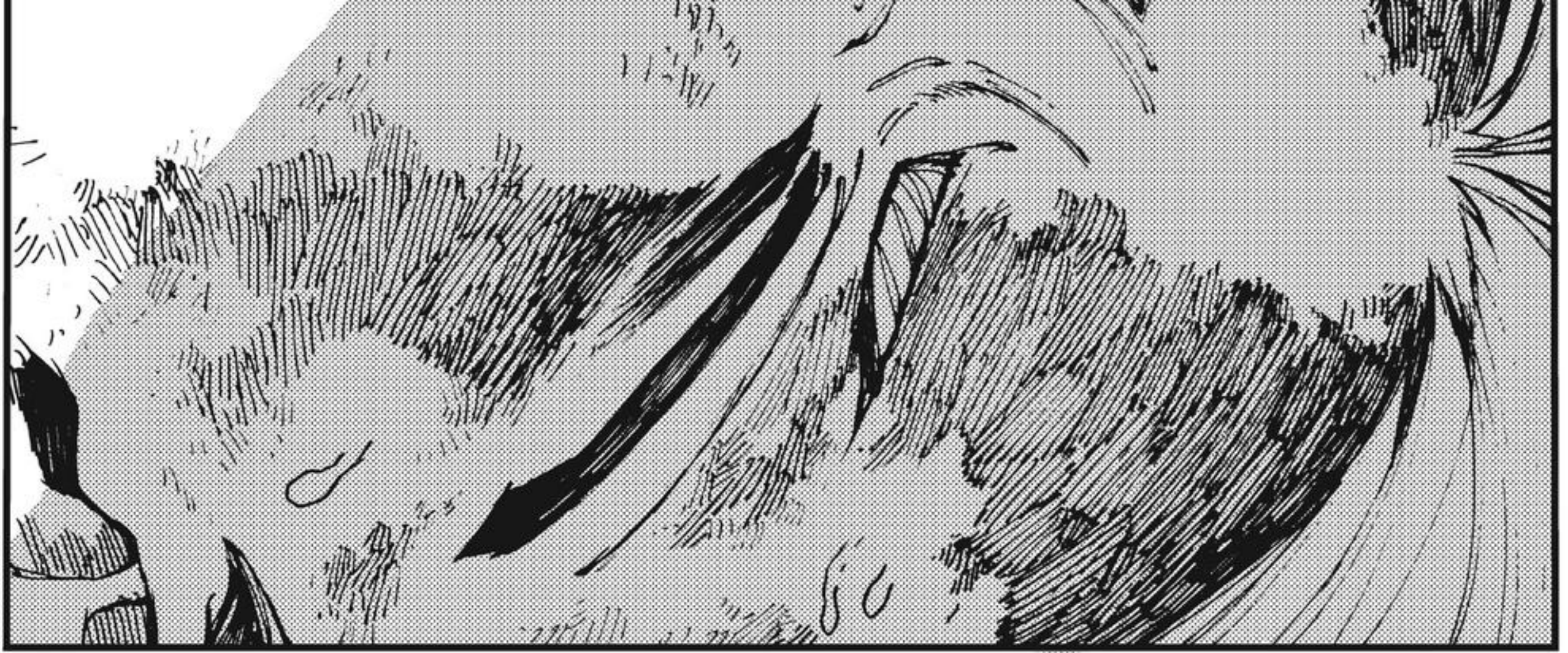




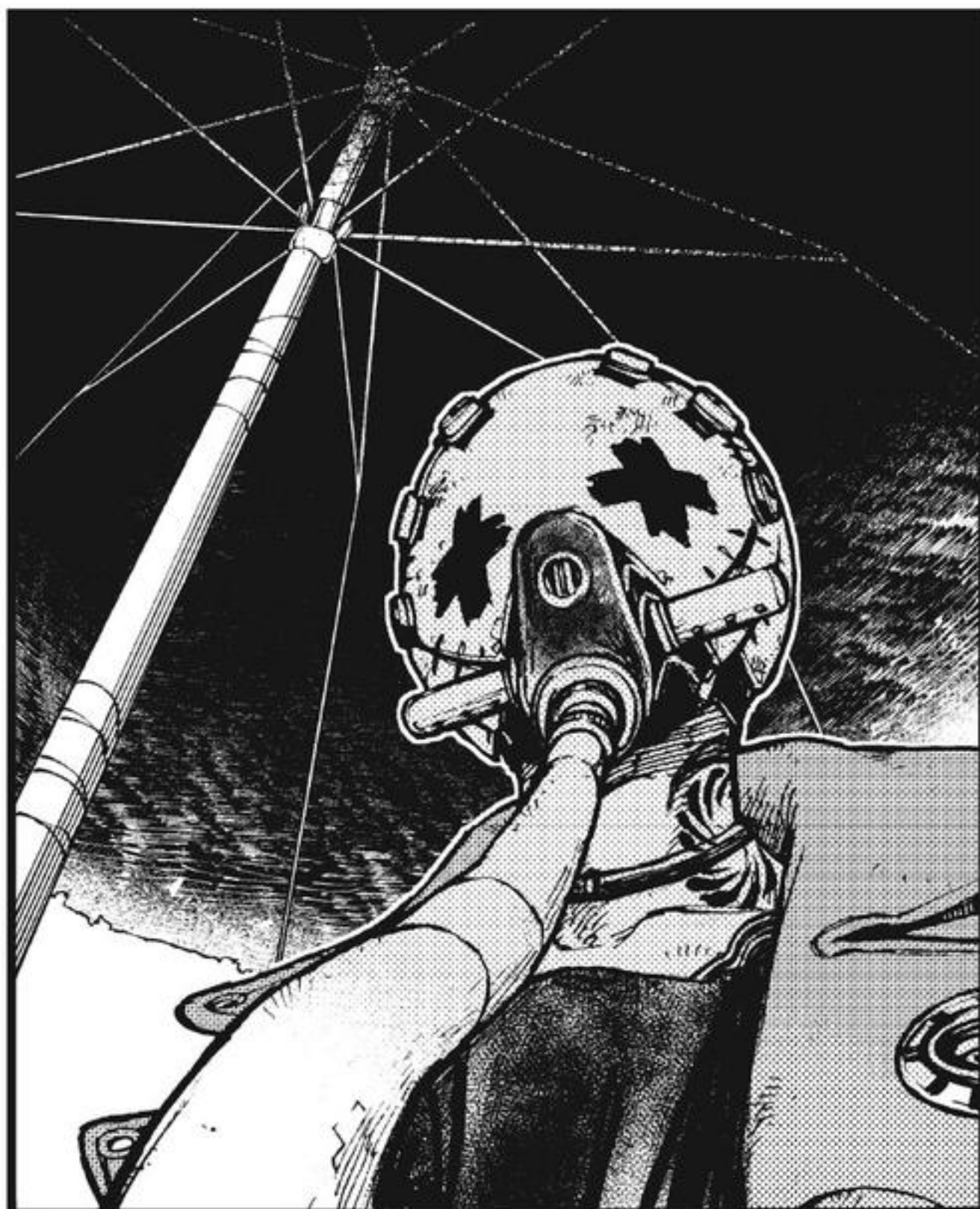


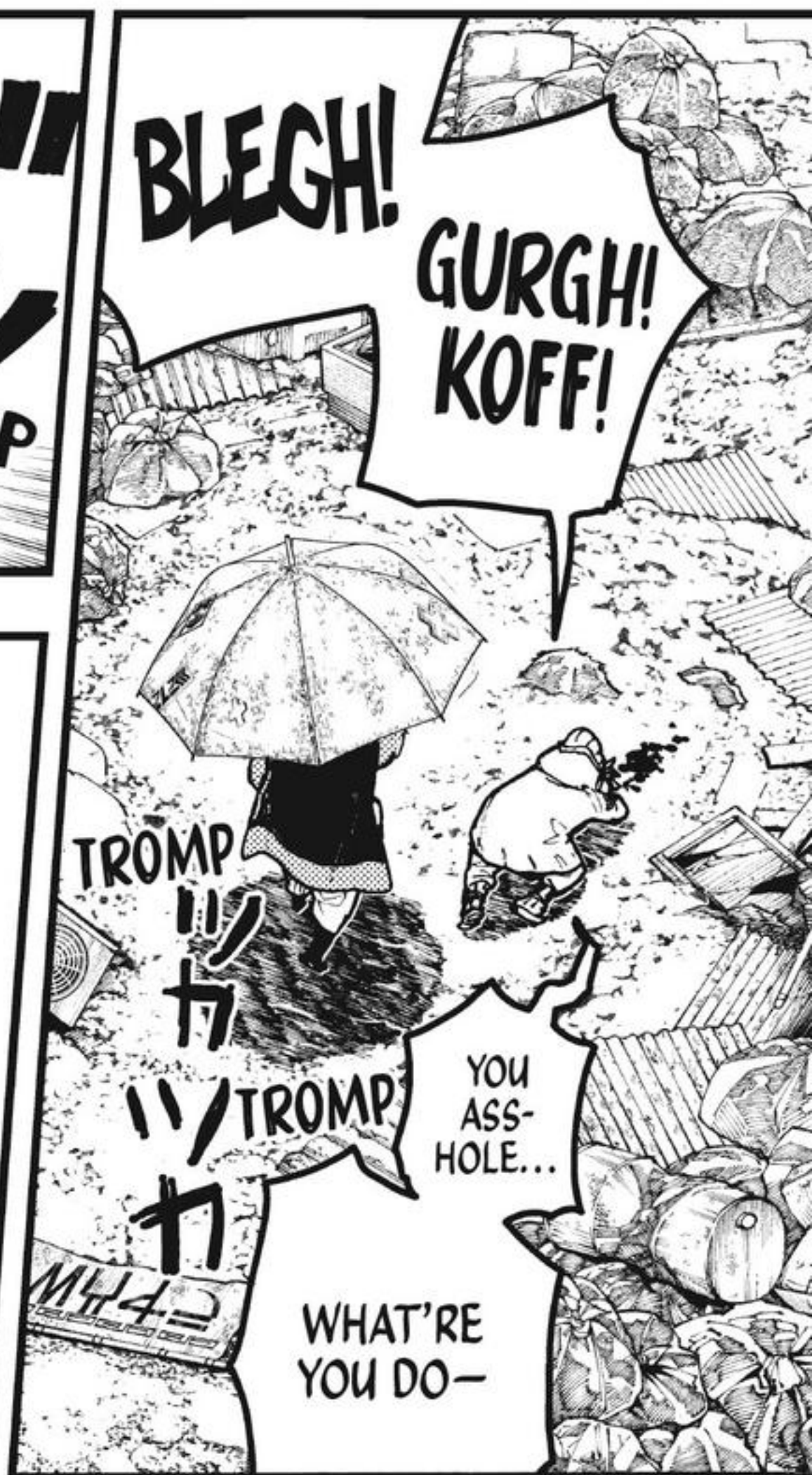


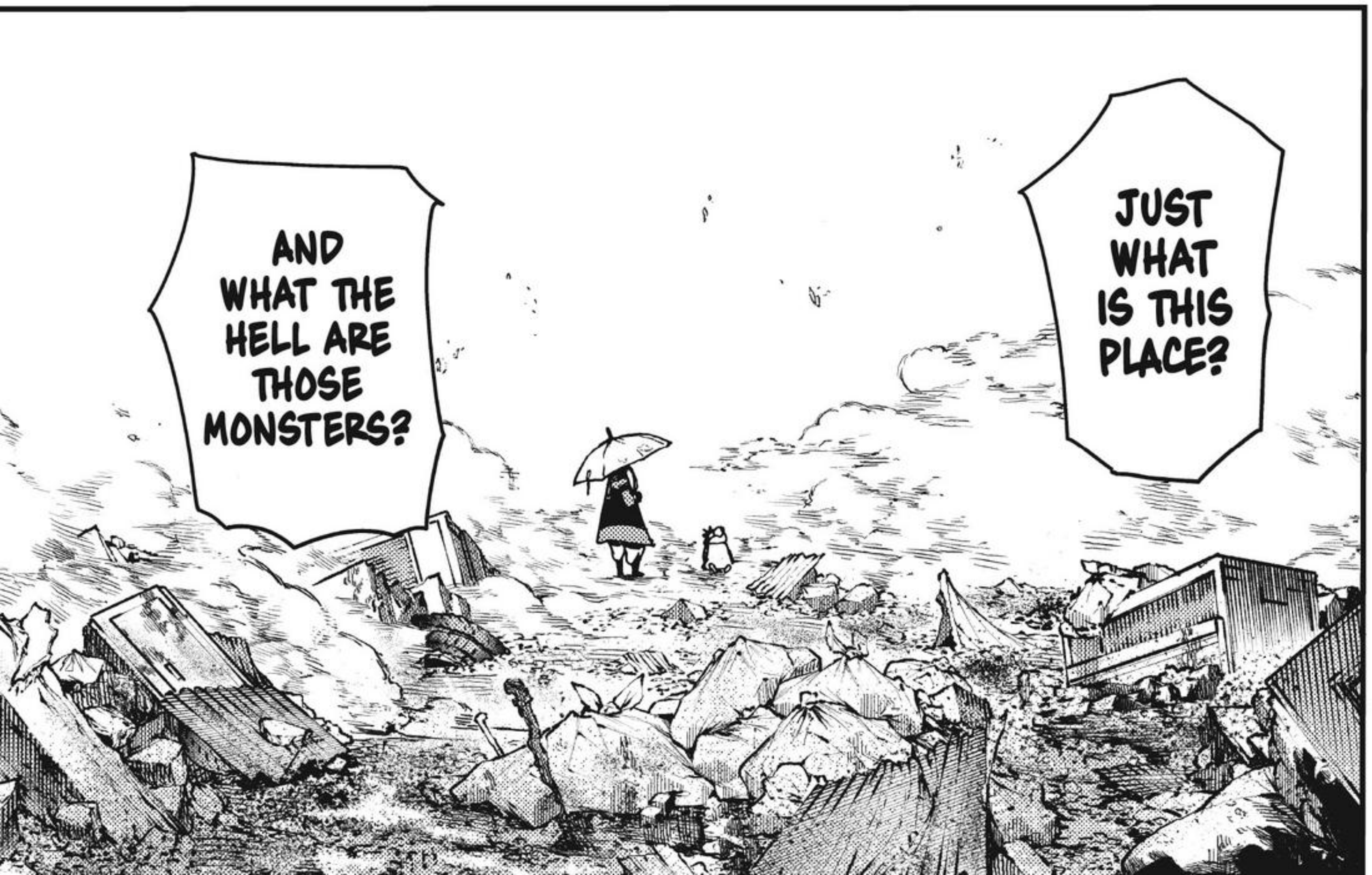
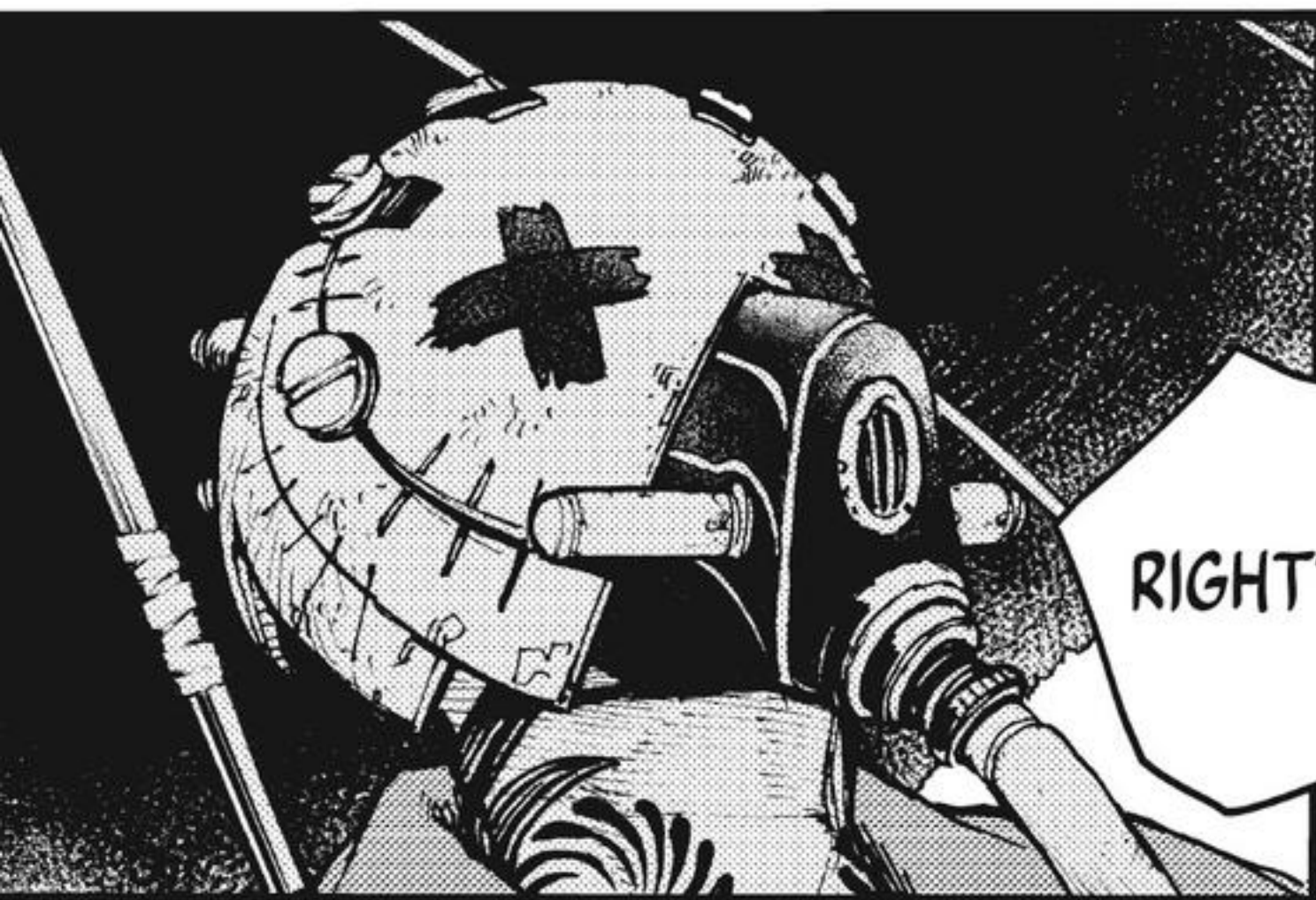


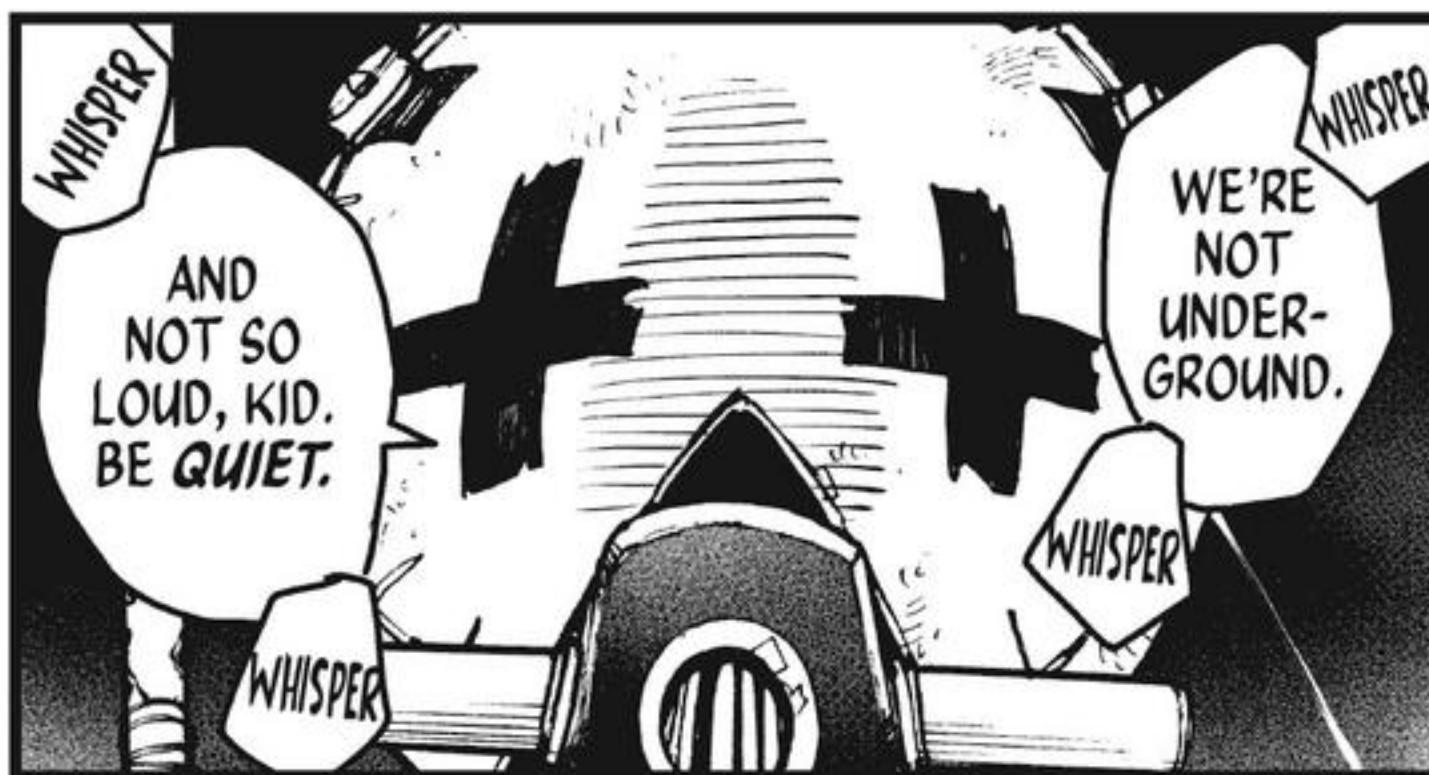
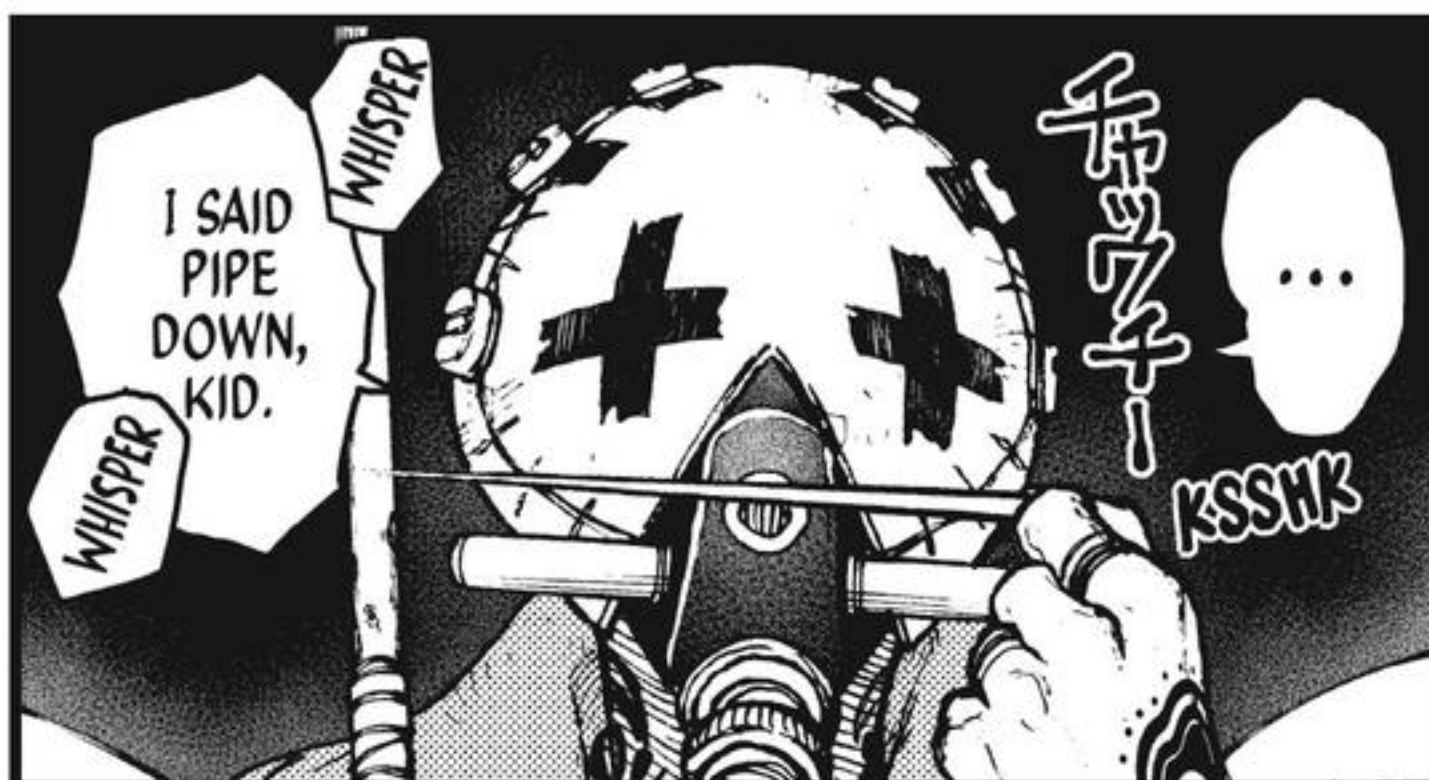














ALL THE
TRASH
HERE...

...IS
STUFF YOU
SPHEREITES
DROPPED
ON US!!



AN' I
HAVE BEEN
TRYING TA
TELL YA...

...TO
SHUT
THE
HELL
UP!!



WE
AREN'T
UNDER-
GROUND!

JAB

WE'RE
ABOVE
GROUND!!



THANKS
TO YOU,
THEY'VE
NOTICED
US!!



...BEAT
THAT
THING?

....!!
DIDN'T I
JUST...

SO NO
MATTER HOW
MANY TIMES
YOU BEAT THEM
WITH NORMAL
WEAPONS, IT'S
POINTLESS!

AS THE
NAME
IMPLIES,
THEY'RE
MONSTERS
MADE OF
TRASH!

THOSE ARE
**TRASH
BEASTS!**

THE
TRASH BEASTS IN
THIS SECTOR ARE
UNIQUE, SO I WAS
TRYIN' TA KEEP A
LOW PROFILE...

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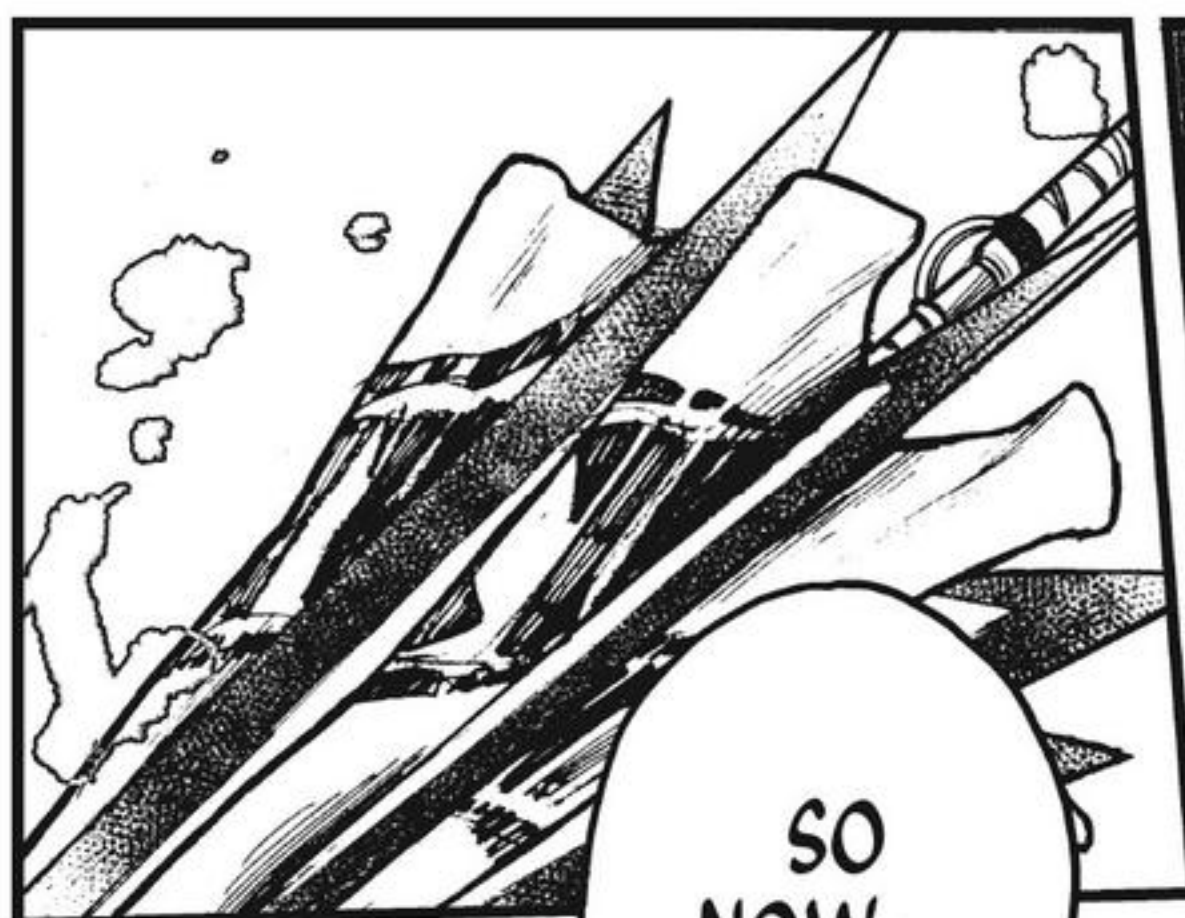
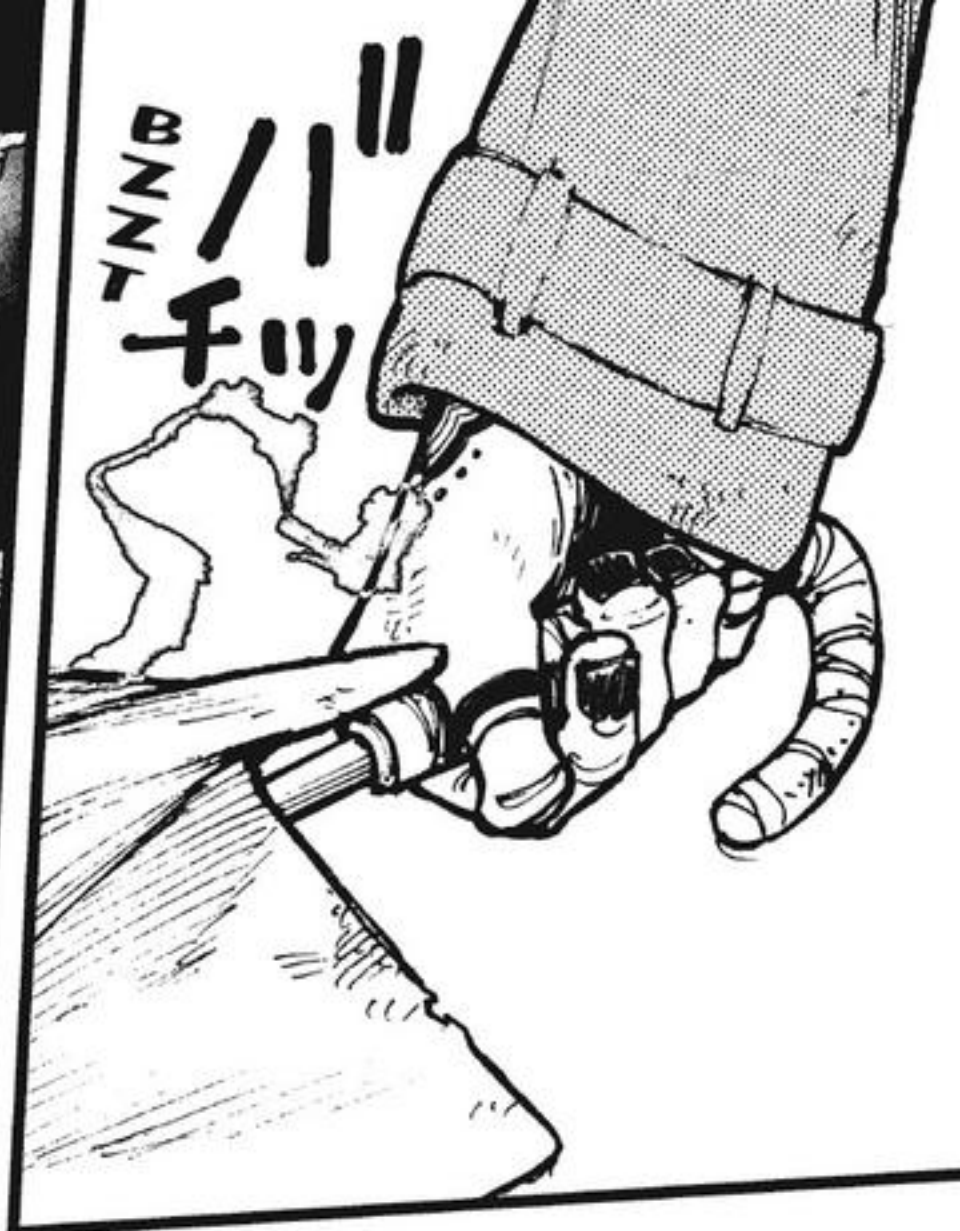
THAT'S
WHY I WAS
WHISPERING,
BUT **YOU** HAD
TA KEEP
YELLING!

AND
THEY
REACT
TA NOISE
FROM
PEOPLE!

**THIS IS
YOUR FAULT,
YOU STUPID
BRAT!**

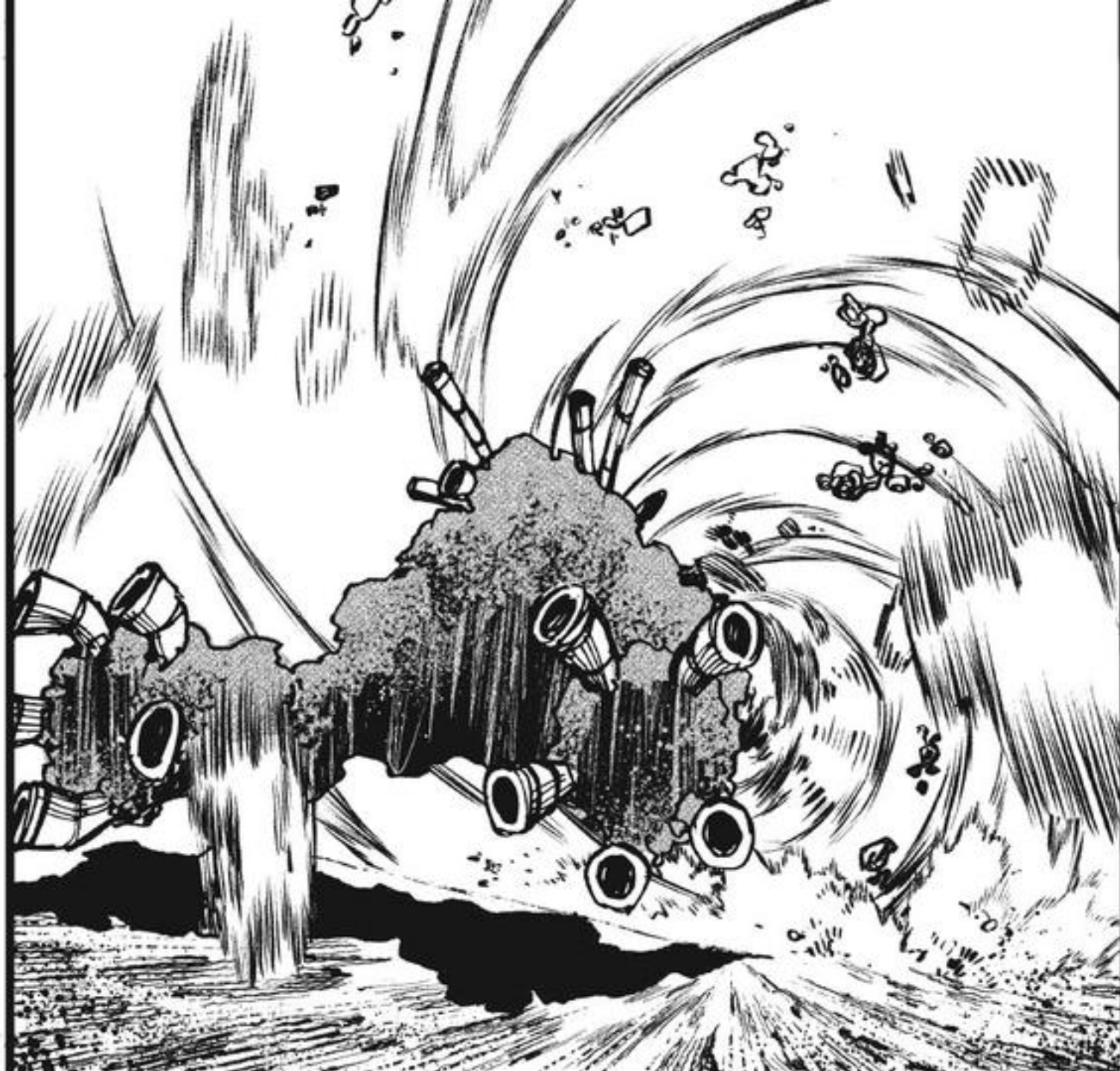
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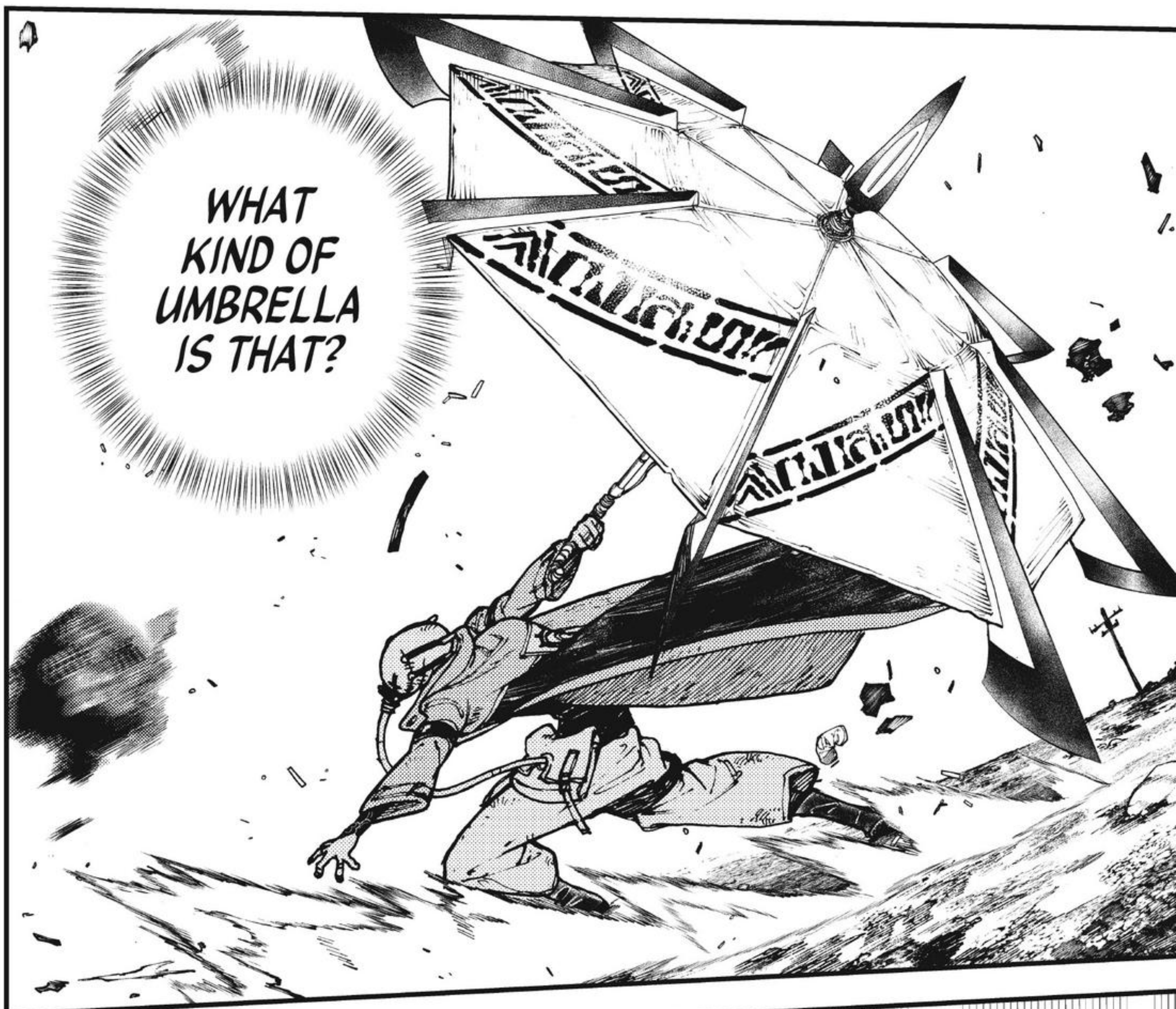
**IN FACT,
I'M NOT
THE TYPE
OF GUY
TA YELL
LIKE THIS,
OKAY?!**

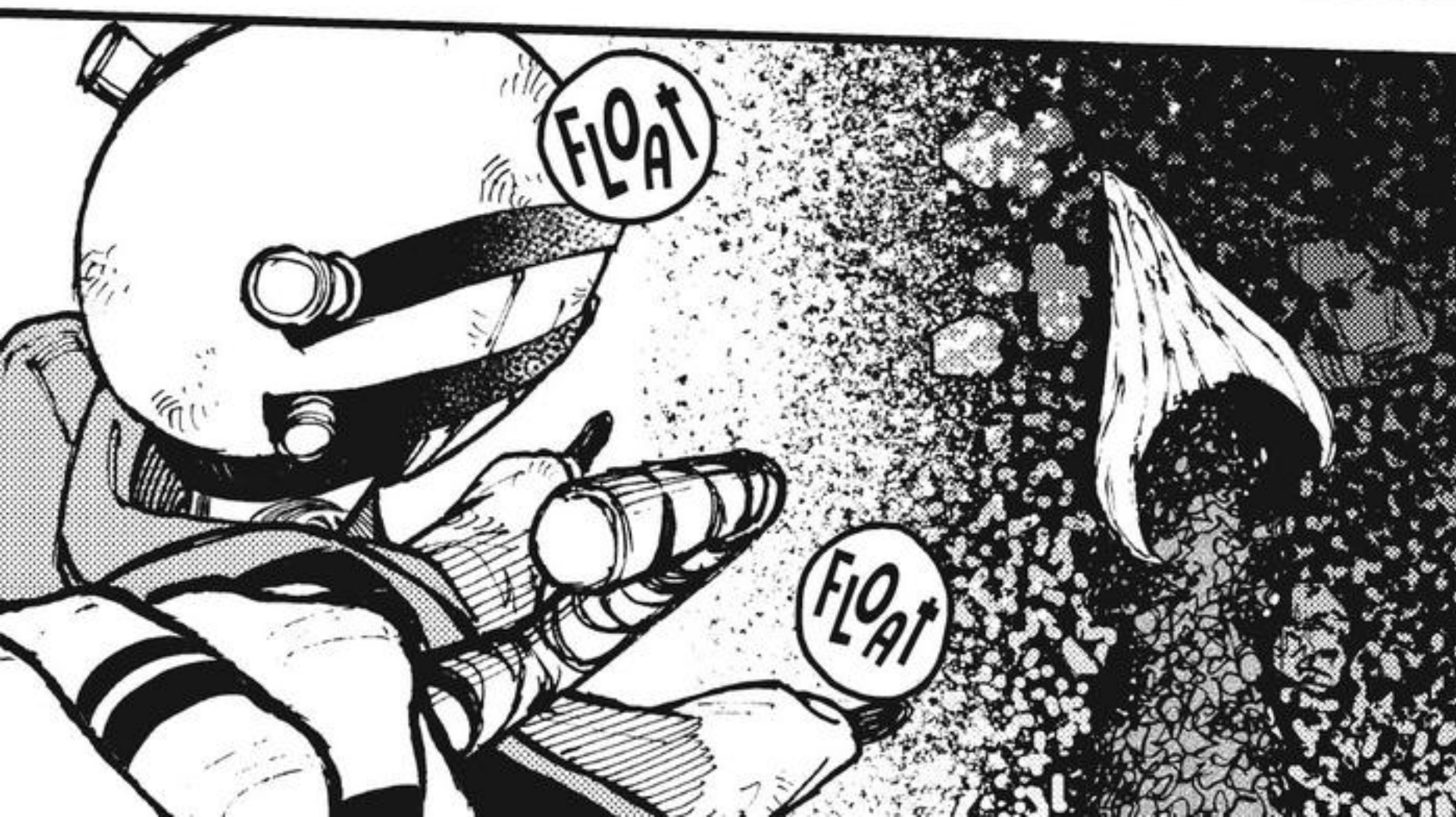
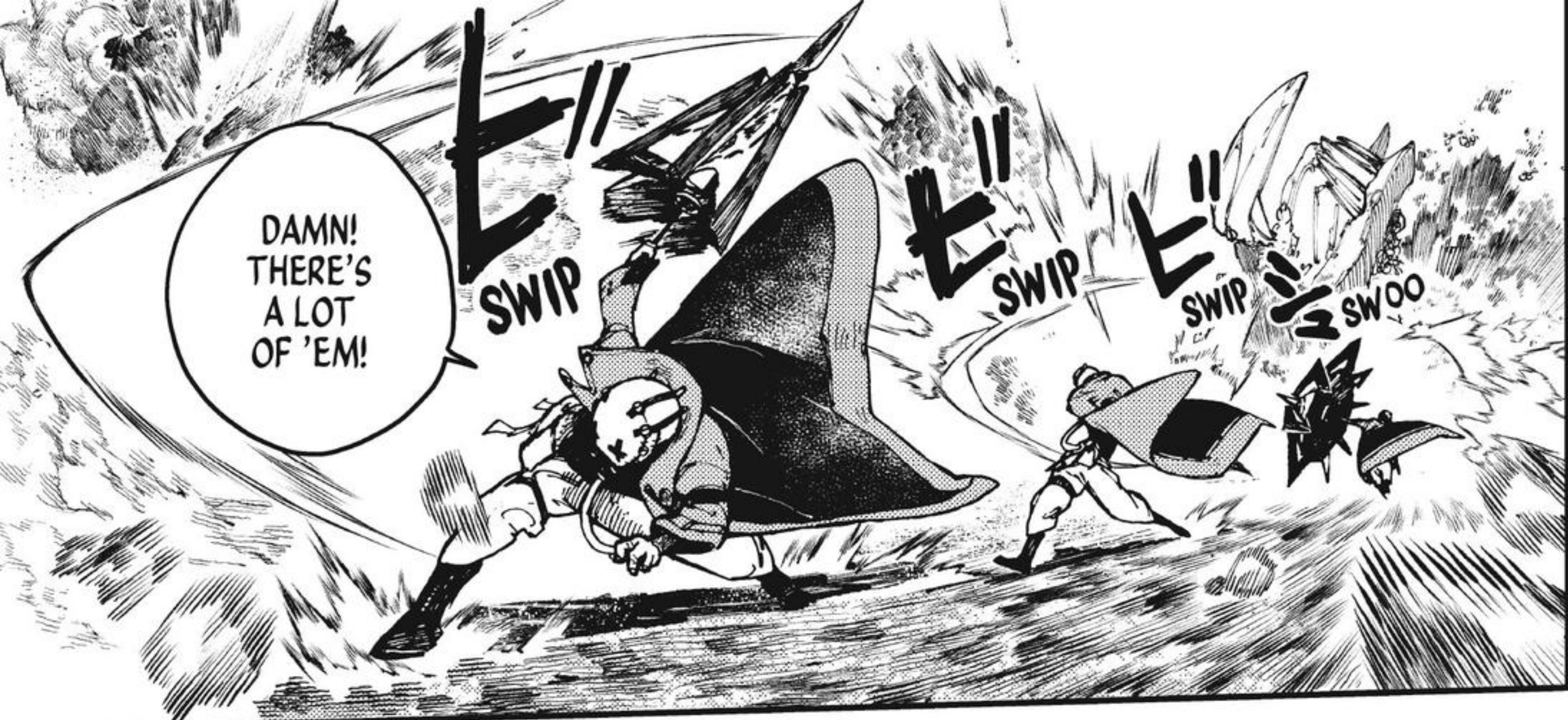


I FEEL
SO MUCH
BETTER
AFTER
GETTING
THAT OUT.

**I GUESS
IT'S TIME
FOR SOME
CLEANING.**





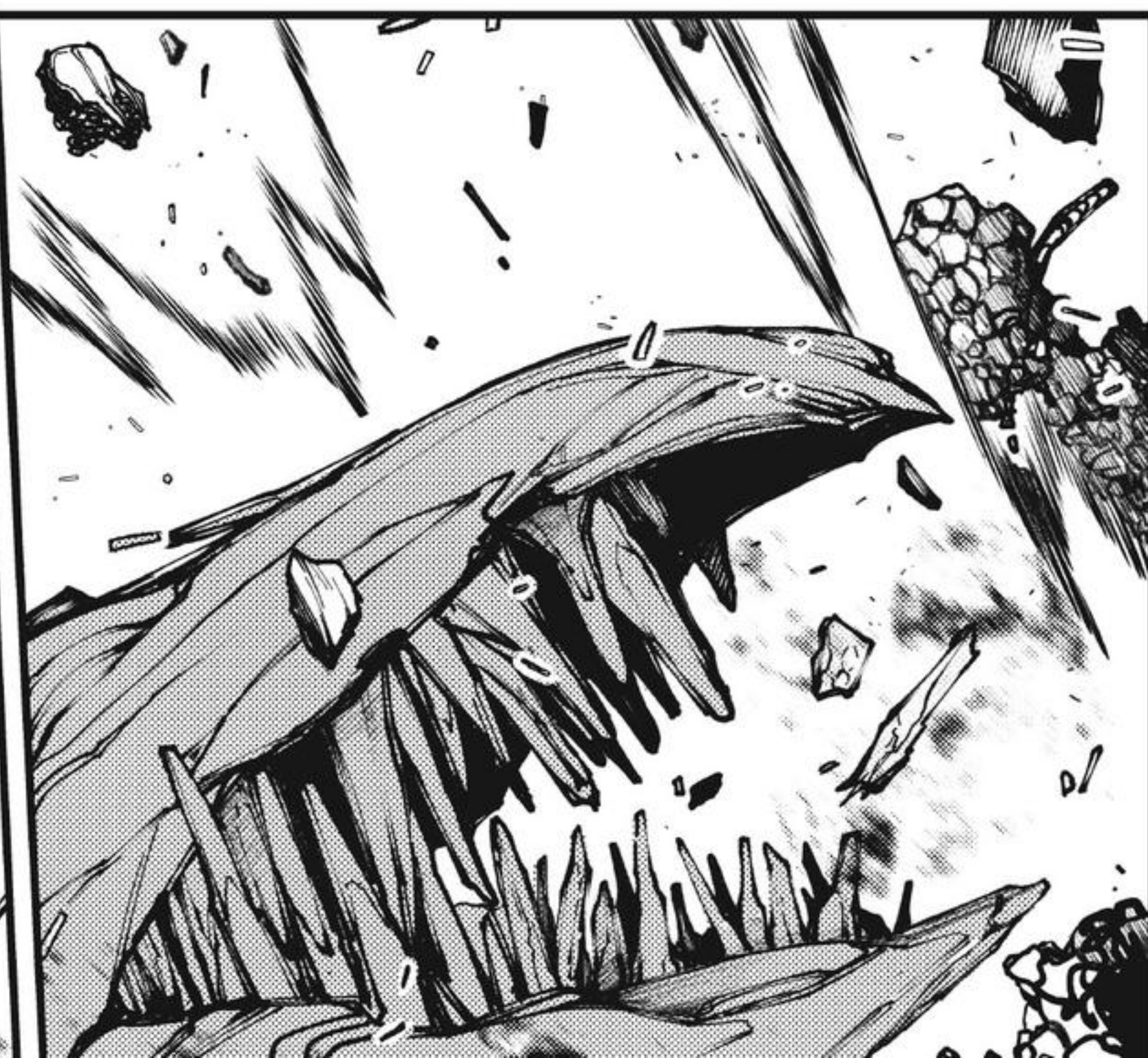


SCENE



UMBREKER
OCTASHREDDER.

PUSH



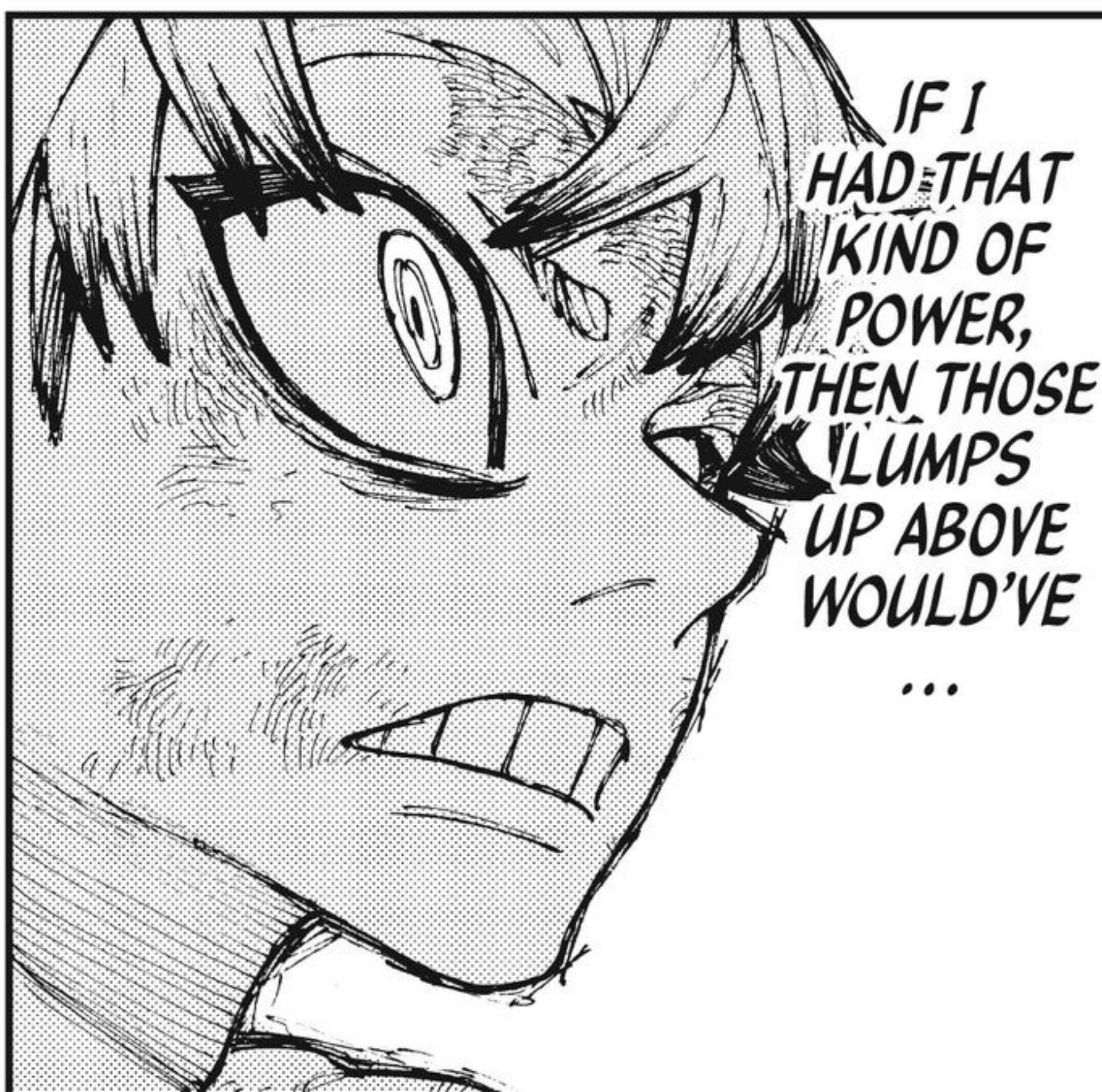


HE WIPE OUT
ALL THOSE
MONSTERS IN
ONE BLOW.



OR IS HE THE
ONE THAT'S
SPECIAL...?

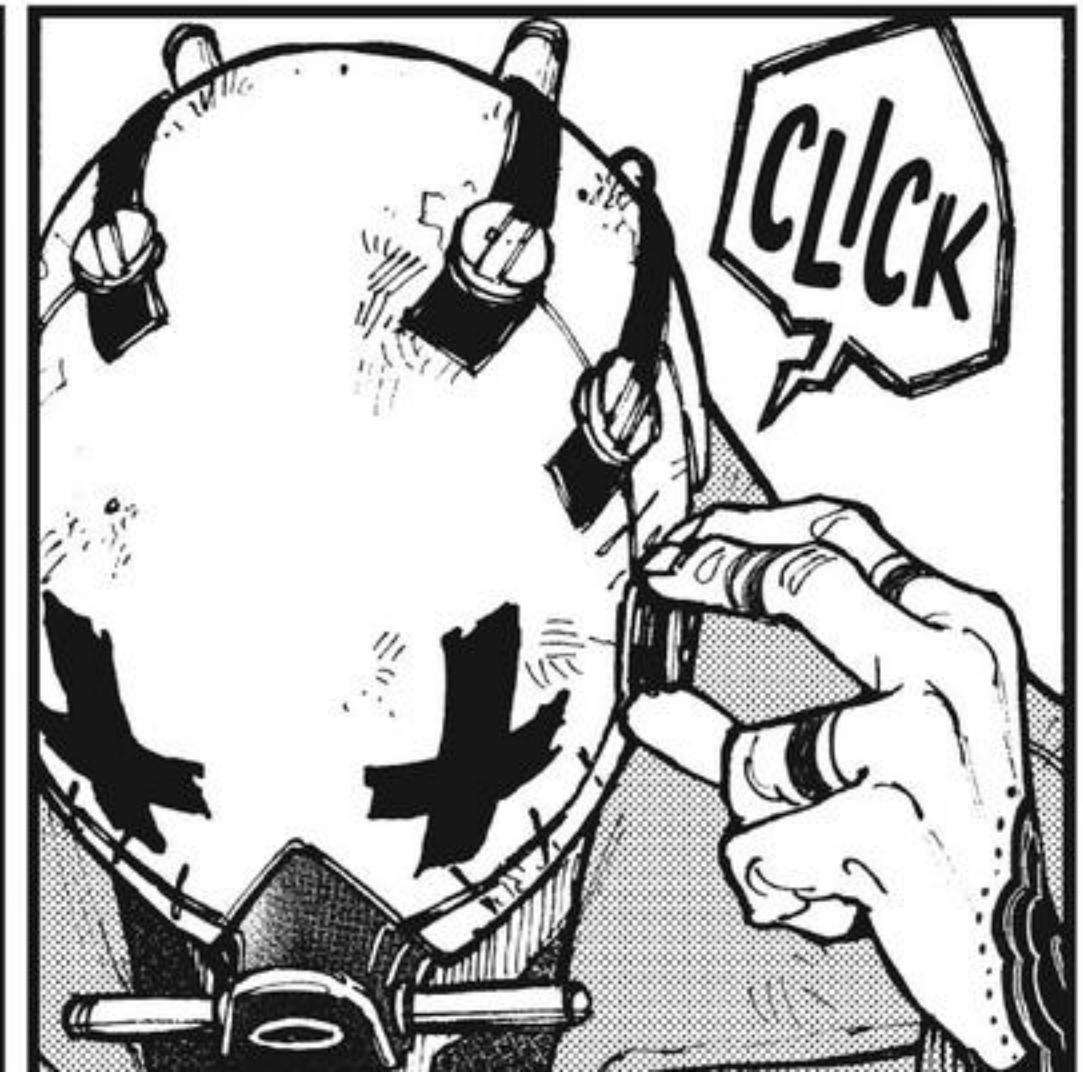
IS THIS SOME
SPECIAL PIT
TECHNOLOGY?

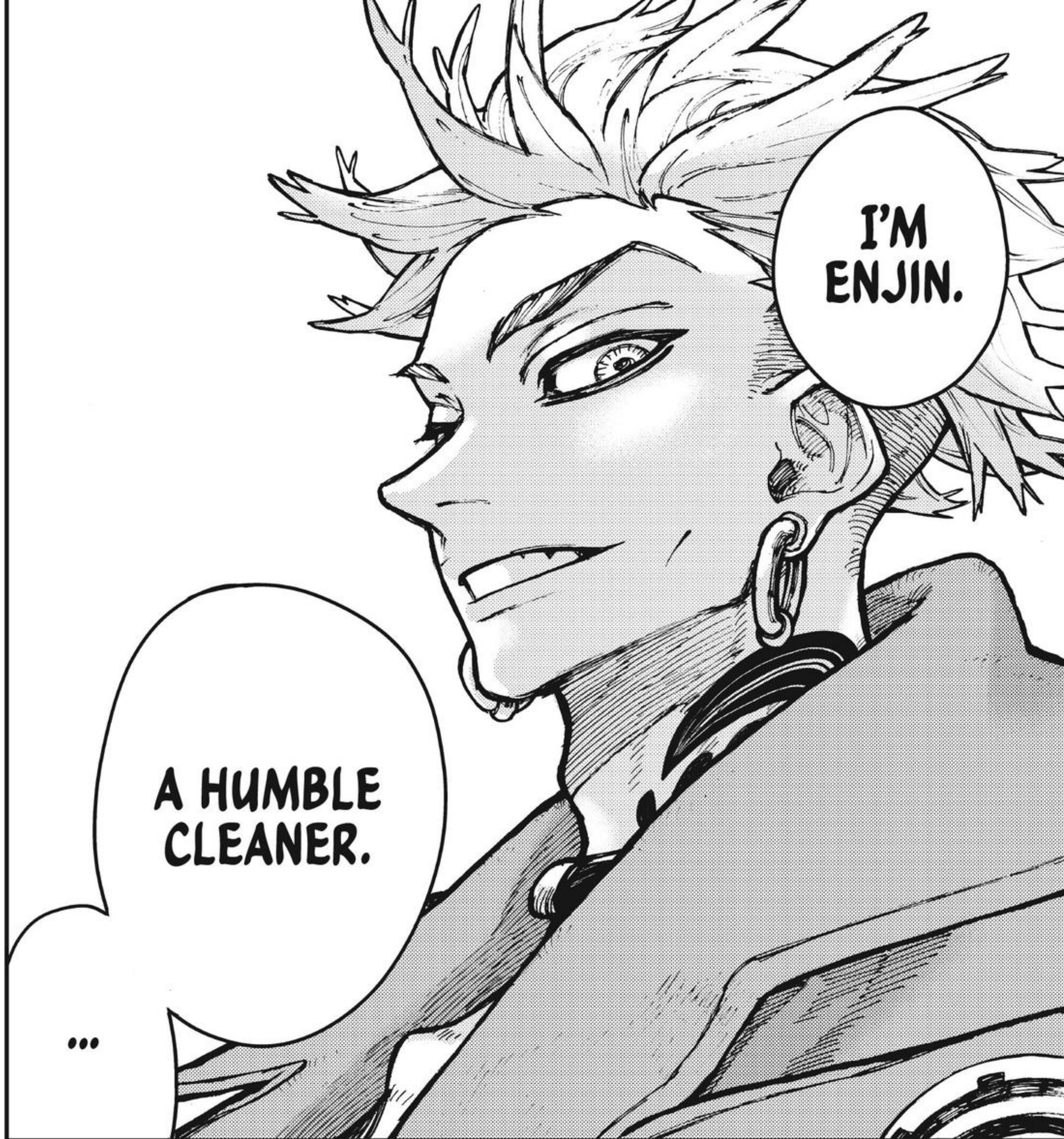


IF I
HAD THAT
KIND OF
POWER,
THEN THOSE
LUMPS
UP ABOVE
WOULD'VE

...











...AND
THEY
LAUGHED
AND HIT
ME.



I TOLD
THEM THAT
OBJECTS
ARE ALIVE,
TOO...



"IF YOU TREAT
SOMETHING
WITH CARE
FOR LONG
ENOUGH, IT'S
IMBUED WITH
A SOUL."

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
TOLD ME,
REGTO.

RIGHT?



YOU
HIT 'EM
BACK?

SHAKE
716

SHAKE
716

GOOD.



I BELIEVED
YOU.



REMEMBER,
IT'S ONLY A
LEGEND.

I FIGURED
IT WAS ABOUT
THE ATTITUDE,
LIKE TAKING
CARE OF YOUR
STUFF.



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HYUP.

SO IT GETS A
SOUL... AND YOU
FIGURED THAT
MEANS IT'S
ALIVE?



BUT I
BELIEVE
IT.



DAZED

THEN...



...IS WHAT'S
CLEANING
YOU UP
RIGHT NOW.

SCRUB
SCRUB

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AND
MAYBE
THE SOUL
IN THIS
TOWEL...



LIKE, MAYBE
THIS PEN HAS
A SOUL...



HA HA
HA, SURE,
MAYBE.

AND THAT,
TOO? THEY
ALL HAVE
SOULS?!

AND
THAT...

THIS
THING...



AND
MY GLOVES,
TOO...



...I'M SURE
ONE DAY
THEY'LL HAVE
A SOUL.

IF YOU
TAKE CARE
OF THEM...



CHAPTER 3: IMBUED





YO, YOU
AWAKE?

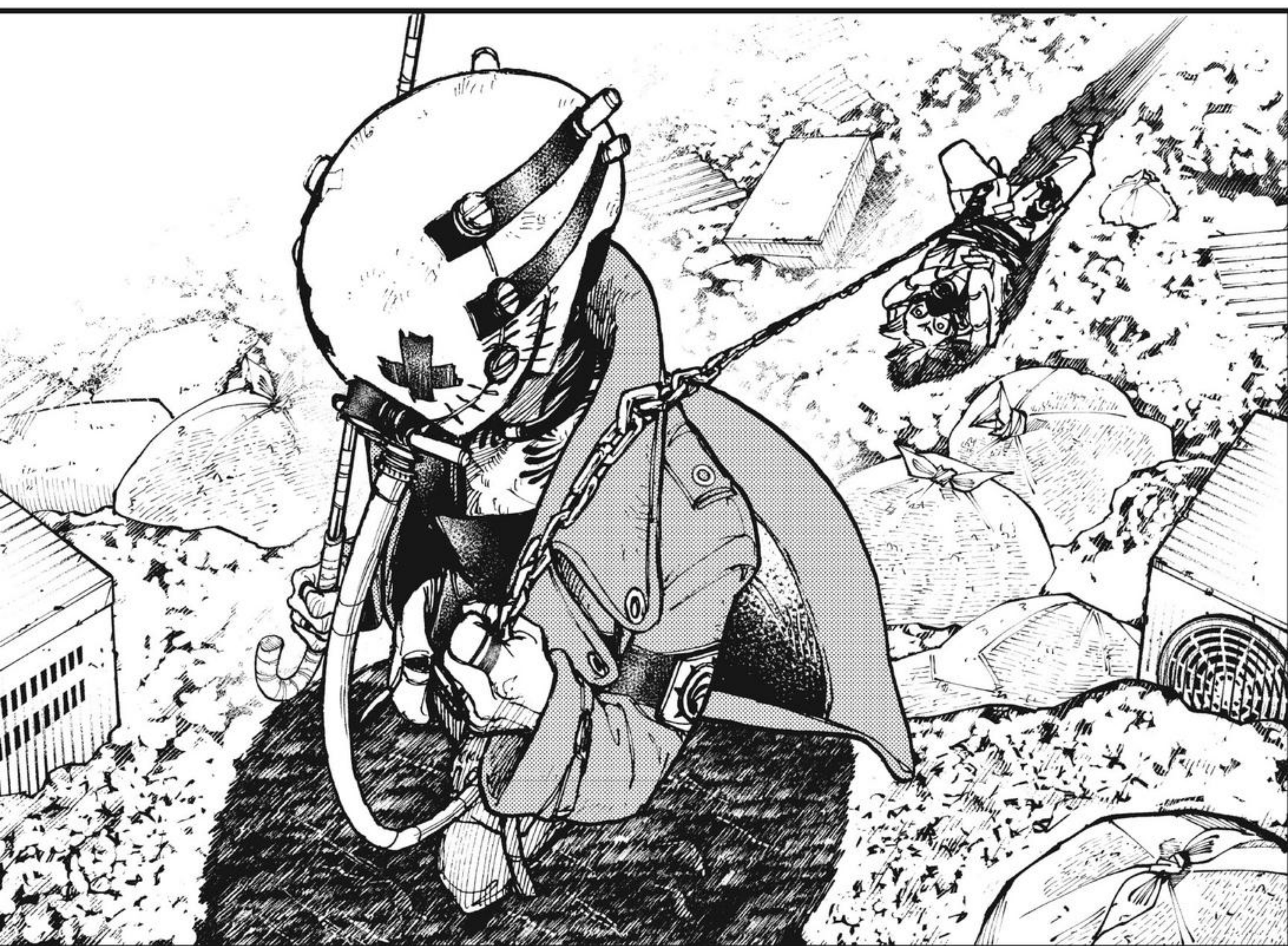
JOLT

CLINK

CLINK

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

WHA
?!



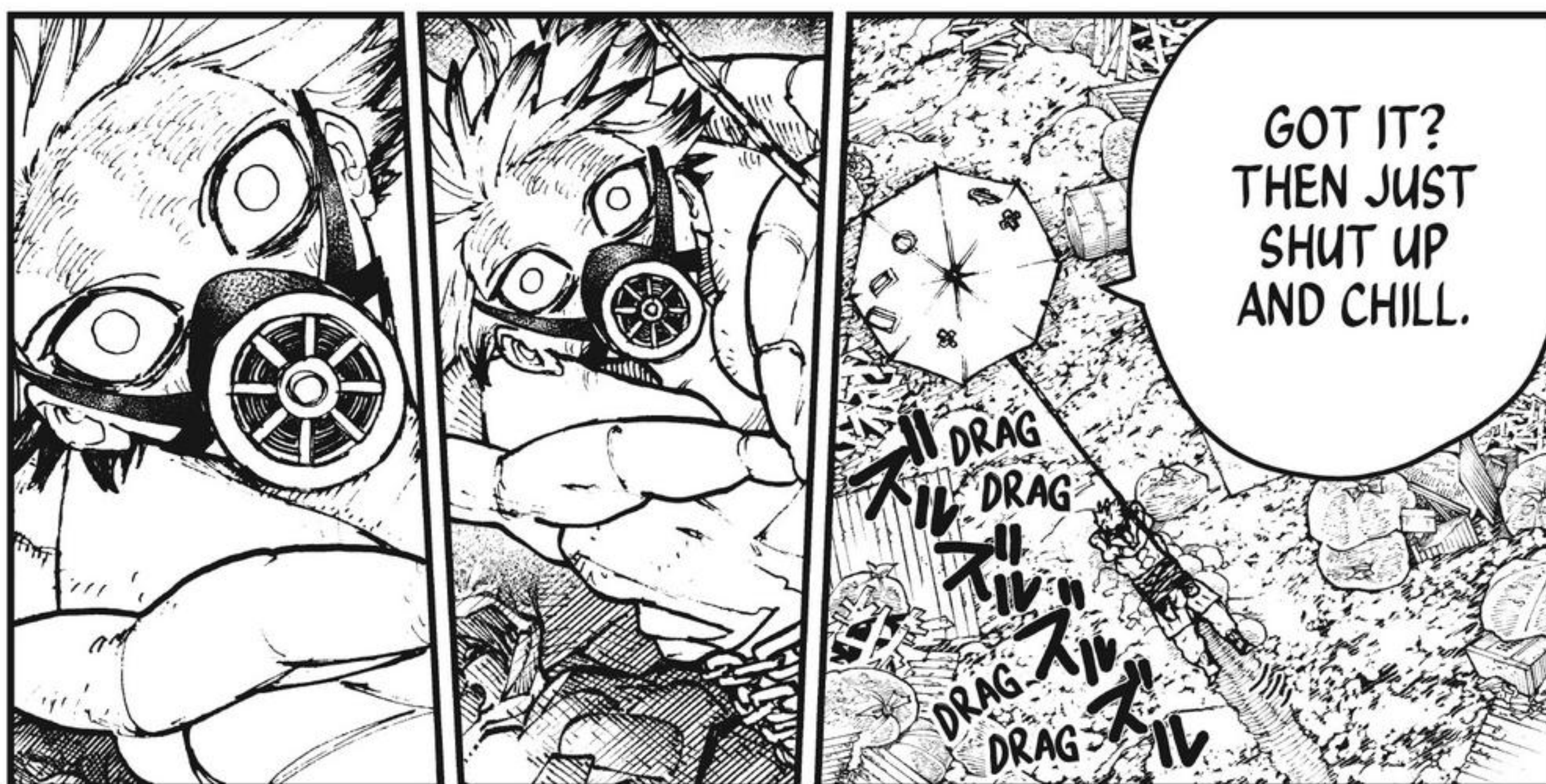
IS THAT
HOW YOU ACT
TOWARD THE
GUY WHO
SAVED YOUR
LIFE, YOU
LITTLE
SHIT?

IT'S
ENJIN.

...THAT
TURDFACE
FROM
EARLIER!

YOU'RE
...









...THOSE
MONSTERS
JUST
NOW...

THIS
WORLD...

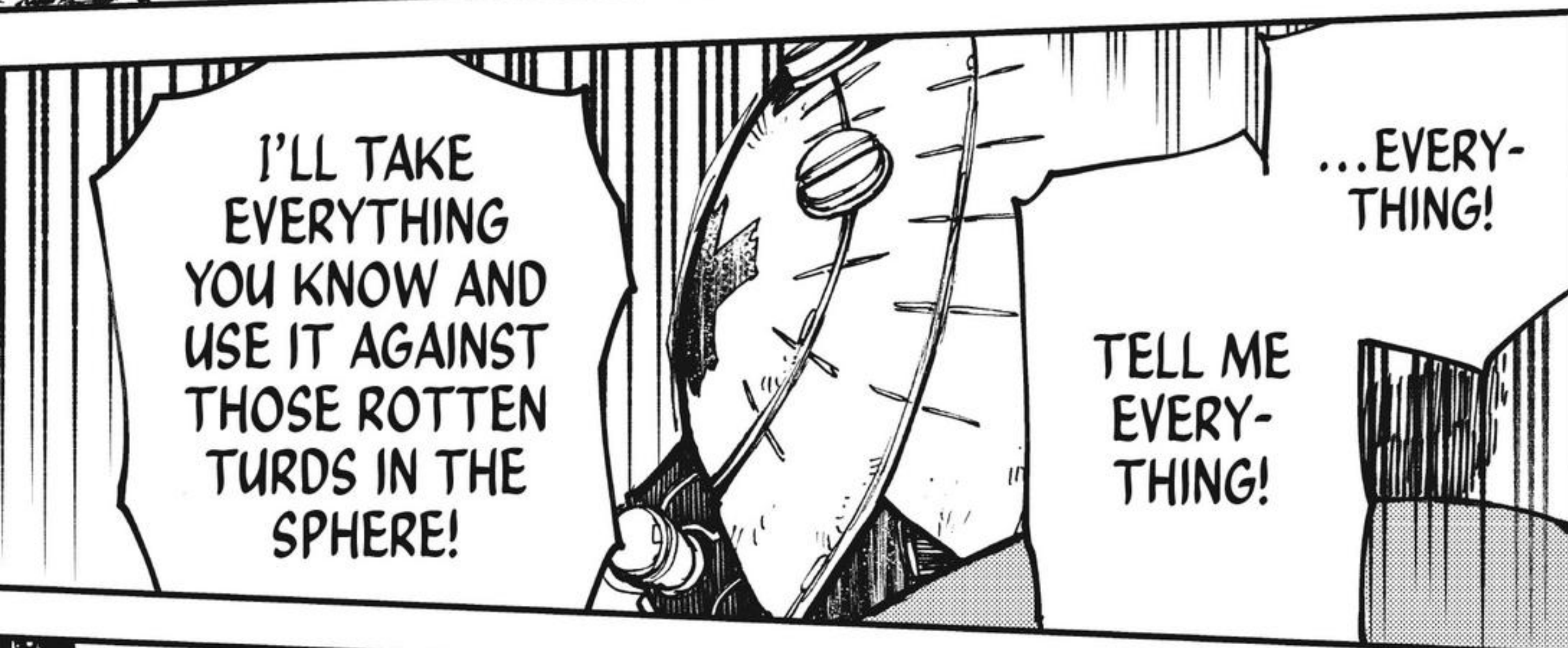
...THAT
POWER YOU
HAVE...



SOME
WAY...

...TO
GET UP
THERE...
TO THE
SPHERE!

YOU KNOW
SOMETHING,
DON'T YOU?



I'LL TAKE
EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW AND
USE IT AGAINST
THOSE ROTTEN
TURDS IN THE
SPHERE!

...EVERY-
THING!

TELL ME
EVERY-
THING!

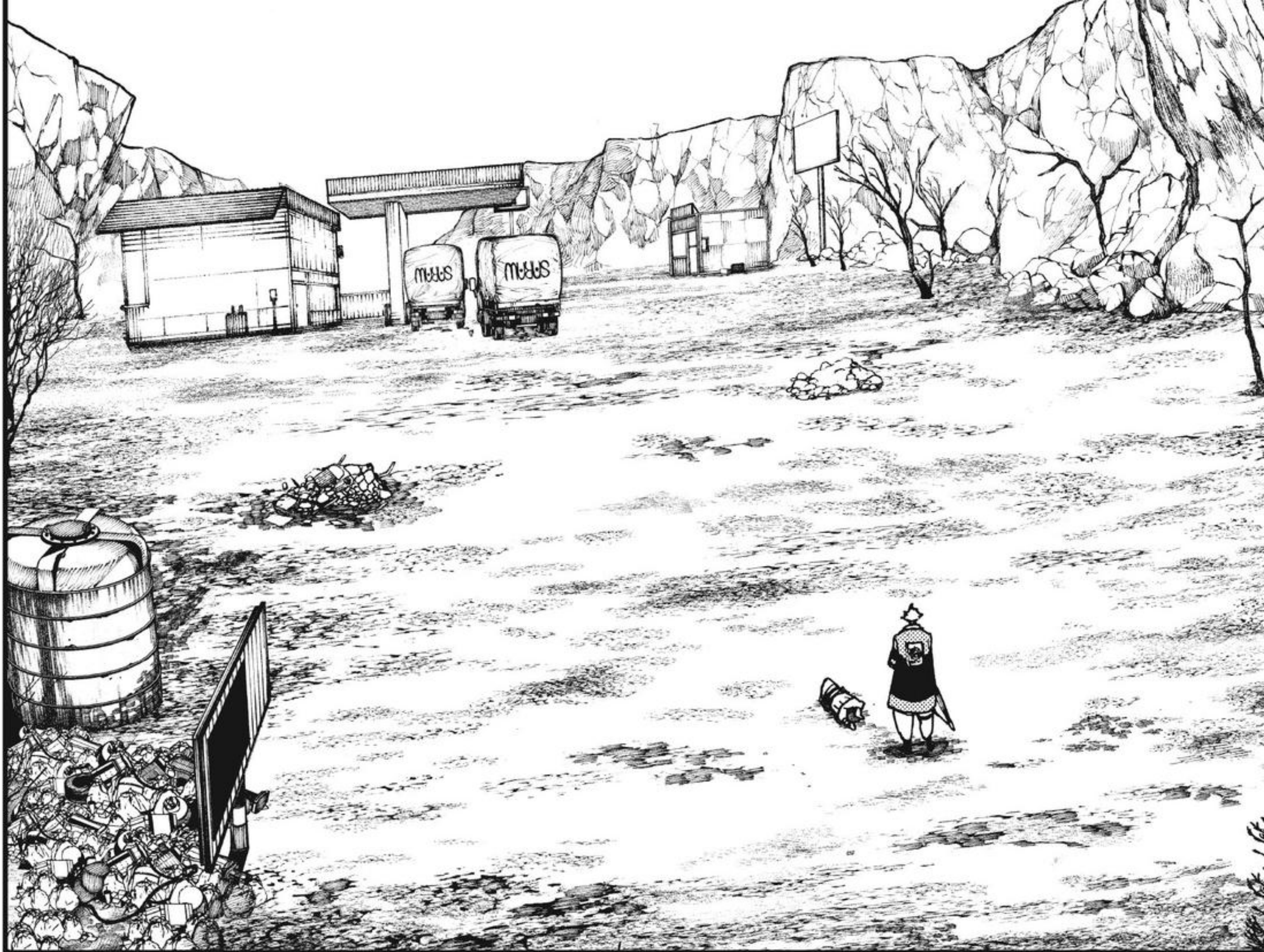


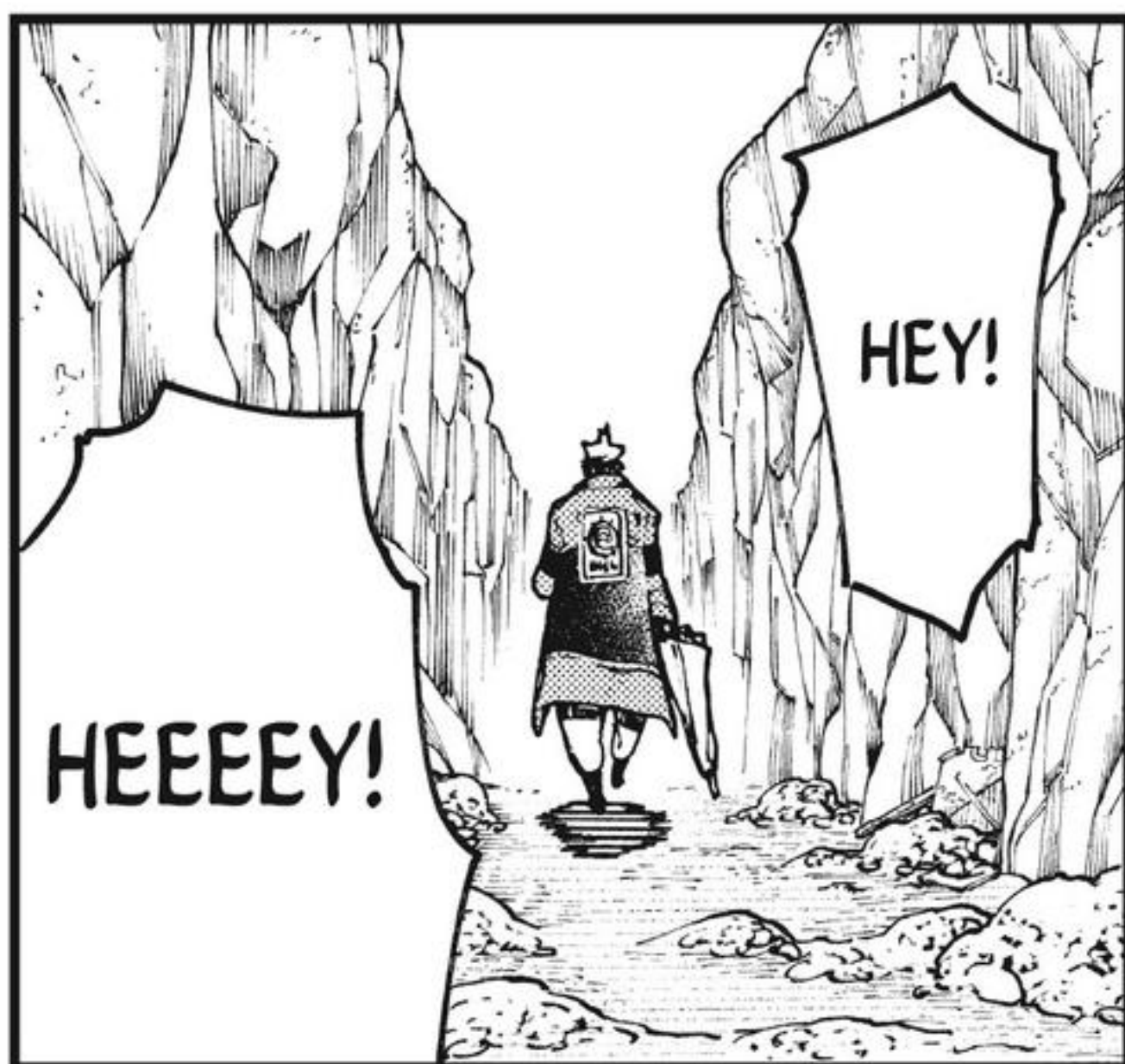
...TILL
YOU GIVE
ME SOME
ANSWERS!

AND
I'M NOT
GONNA
SHUT UP...











I THOUGHT
THERE WAS
ANOTHER
GUY, TOO.

WHY
HERE?

A
KID...

IT'S A KID.





I FELL...
FROM THE
SPHERE...



I NEVER
THOUGHT I'D
EVER SEE
ONE ALIVE!

CROWD

ARE YOU
REALLY A
SPHERE-
ITE?!

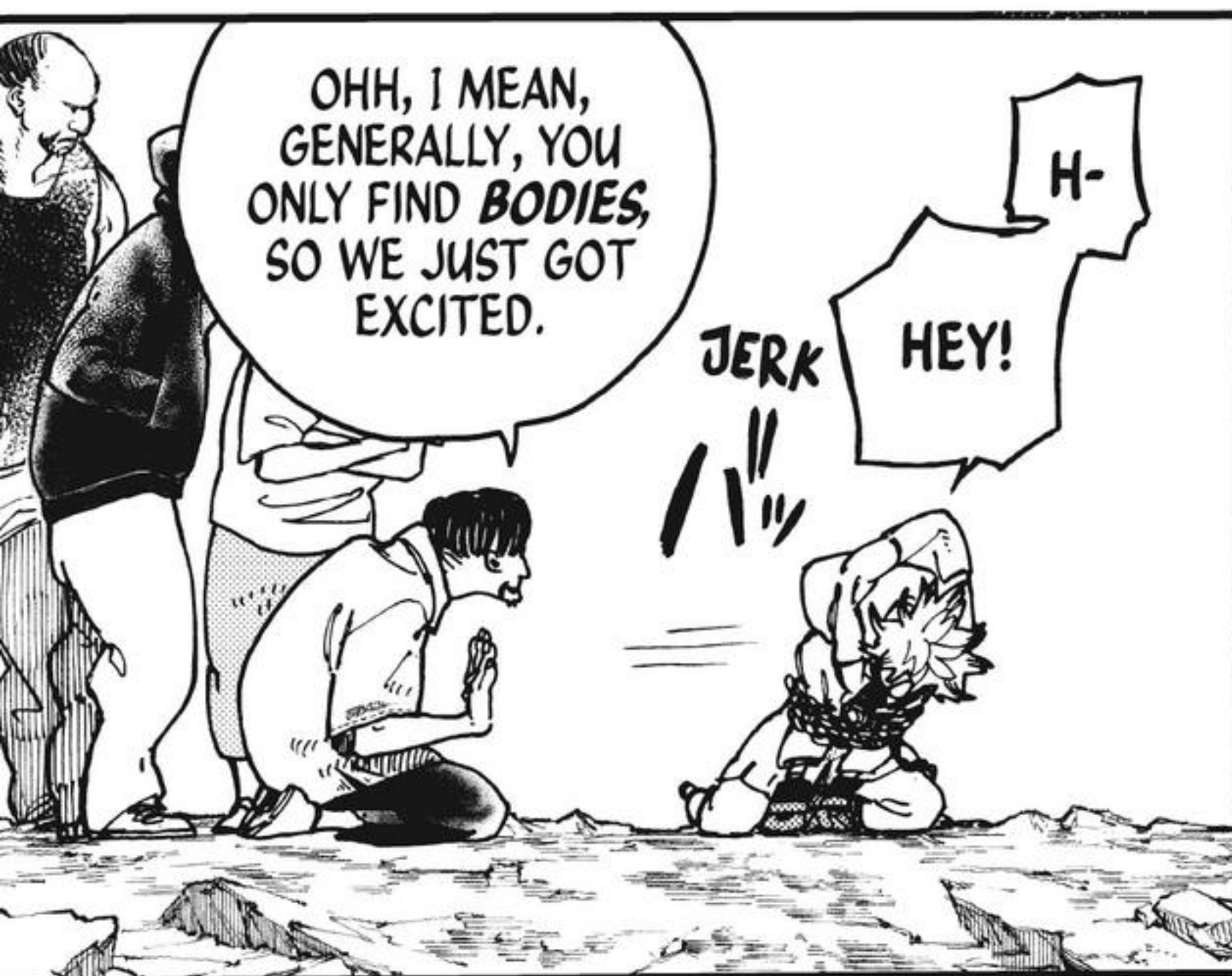
AMAZ-
ING!

?!



IT'S A
MIRACLE!

WHAT
THE-?!



...THAN THAT
ENJIN GUY.

THESE GUYS
ARE MORE
DECENT...



THAT
OUGHTA
DO IT.

HUH?



NGH!

GAH!



CLANK

GAHHH!

CLANK

NOW YOU
START
STRUGGLING?

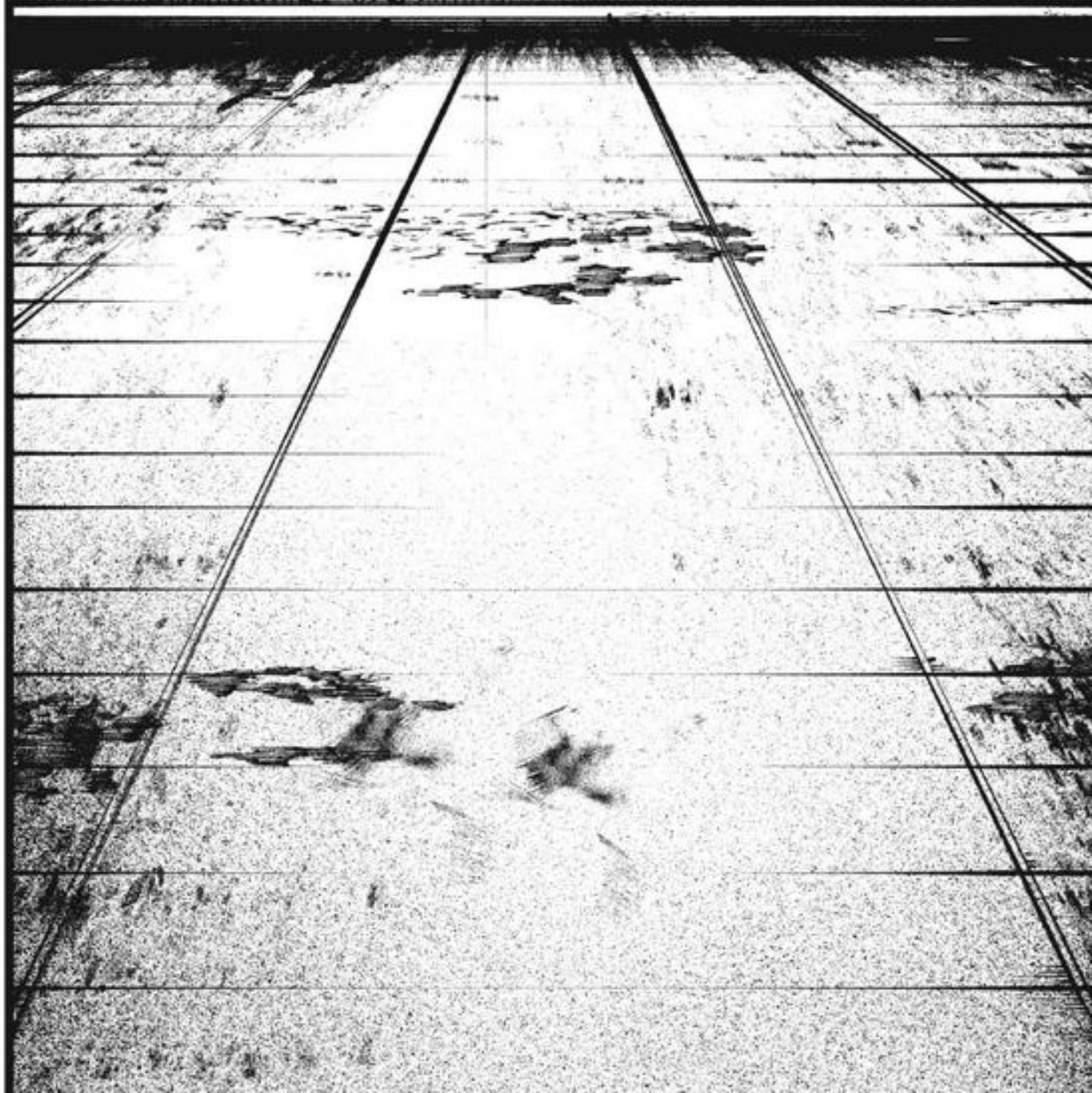


KID,

YOU DIDN'T
THINK WE WERE
GONNA BE *NICE*
TO YA, DID YOU?



THE WAY
YOU WERE TIED
BEFORE, OUR
VALUABLE
SPHEREITE
COULDA GOTTEN
AWAY.





...CAN BE
SOLD FOR
A PRETTY
PENNY.

Y'SEE, THE
BODIES OF
SPHEREITES
...



...TO THINK
WE'D GET OUR
HANDS ON A
LIVE ONE!

IT'S
SERIOUSLY
OUR LUCKY
DAY!



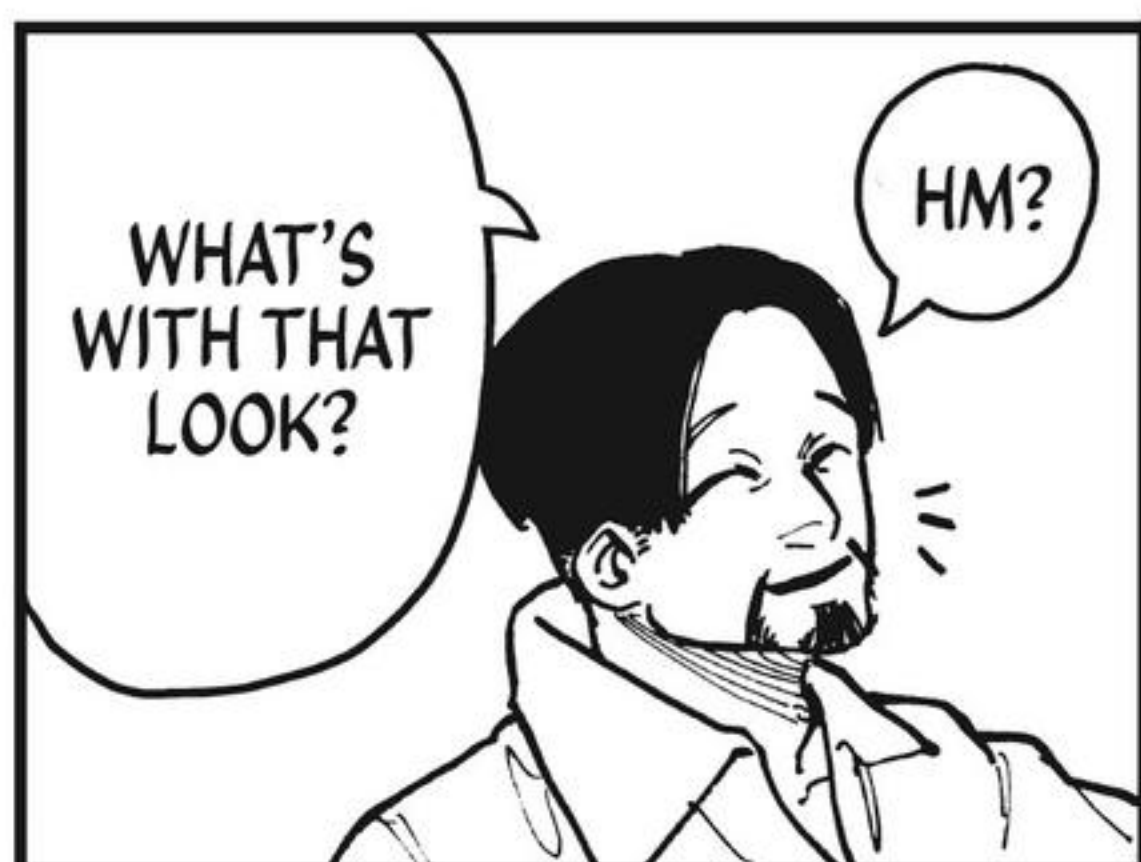
EYES,
ARMS,
LEGS...

AND
NOT JUST
THE FULL
BODY...

...EVEN
JUST THE
CLOTHES
WILL DO.

PEOPLE'LL
COME IN
DROVES TO
BUY IT ALL.

BUT...







... WHEN
THEY SEE A
SPHEREITE
LIKE YOU—
ALIVE?

I WONDER
WHAT THOSE
PEOPLE
MIGHT DO...



I'M
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT.

AFTER
WE'VE SOLD
YOU, WE'LL
HAFTA GO
WATCH.

OR A LIVE
DISSECTION
SHOW...?

TORTURE,
MAYBE...?



WE CAN'T
HAVE YA
STARVING
TO DEATH.



OH, BUT
YOU'RE
ALL SKIN
AND
BONES.



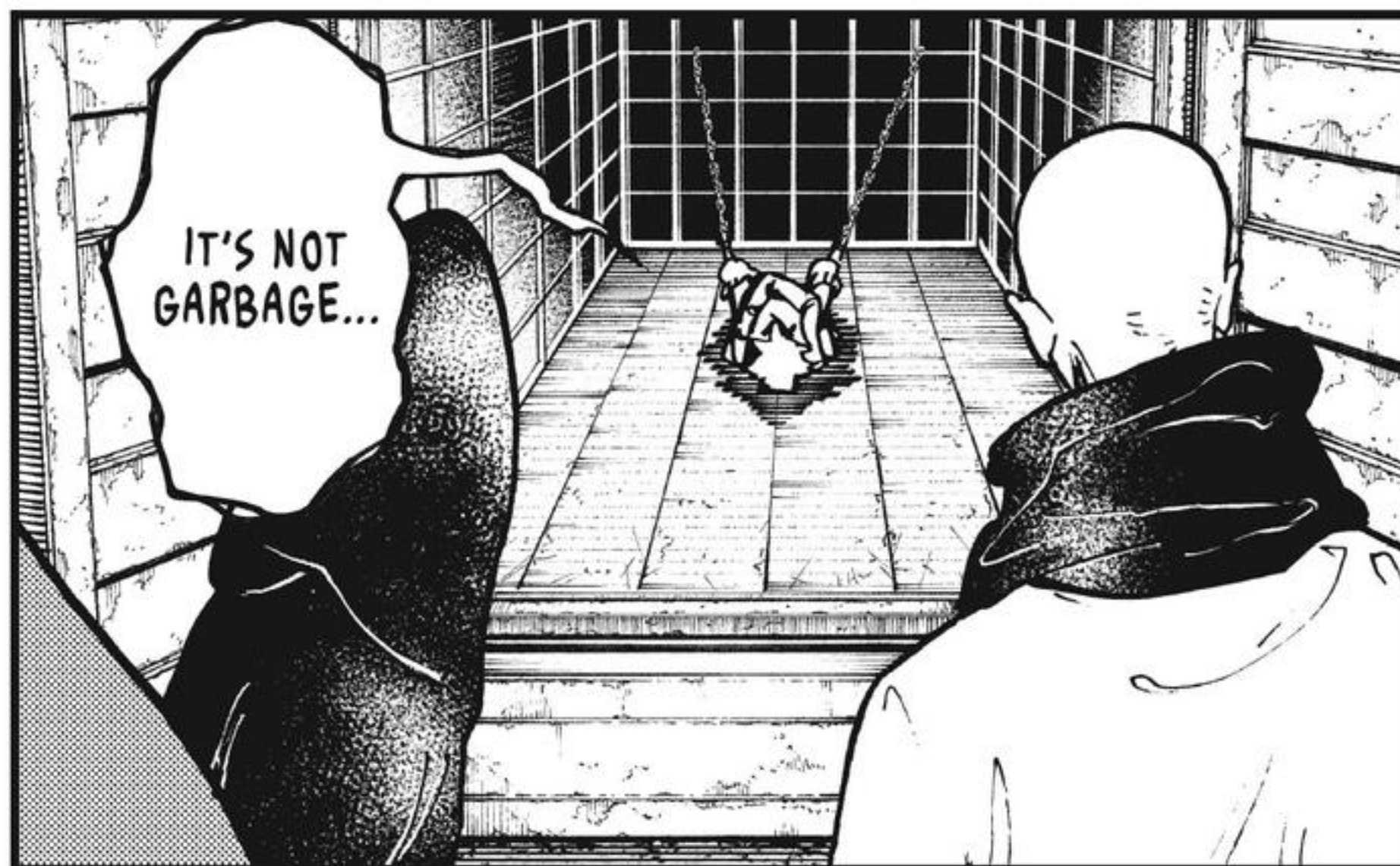
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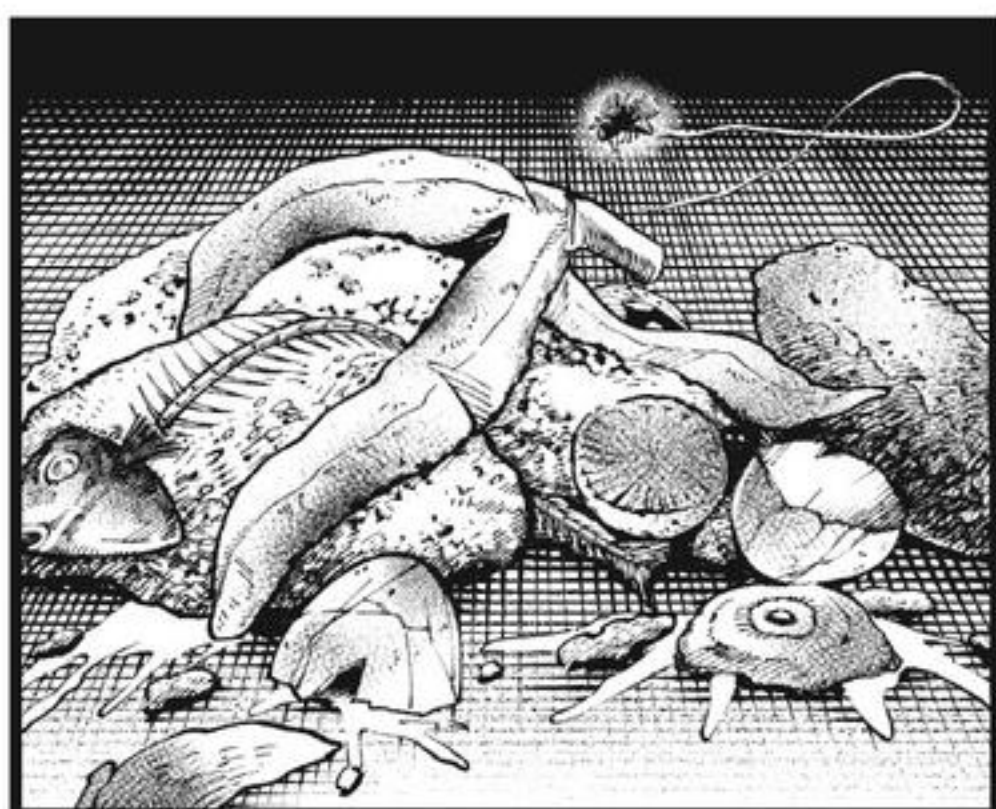












IT'S
STILL...

...TOTALLY
EDIBLE.



EVERY...

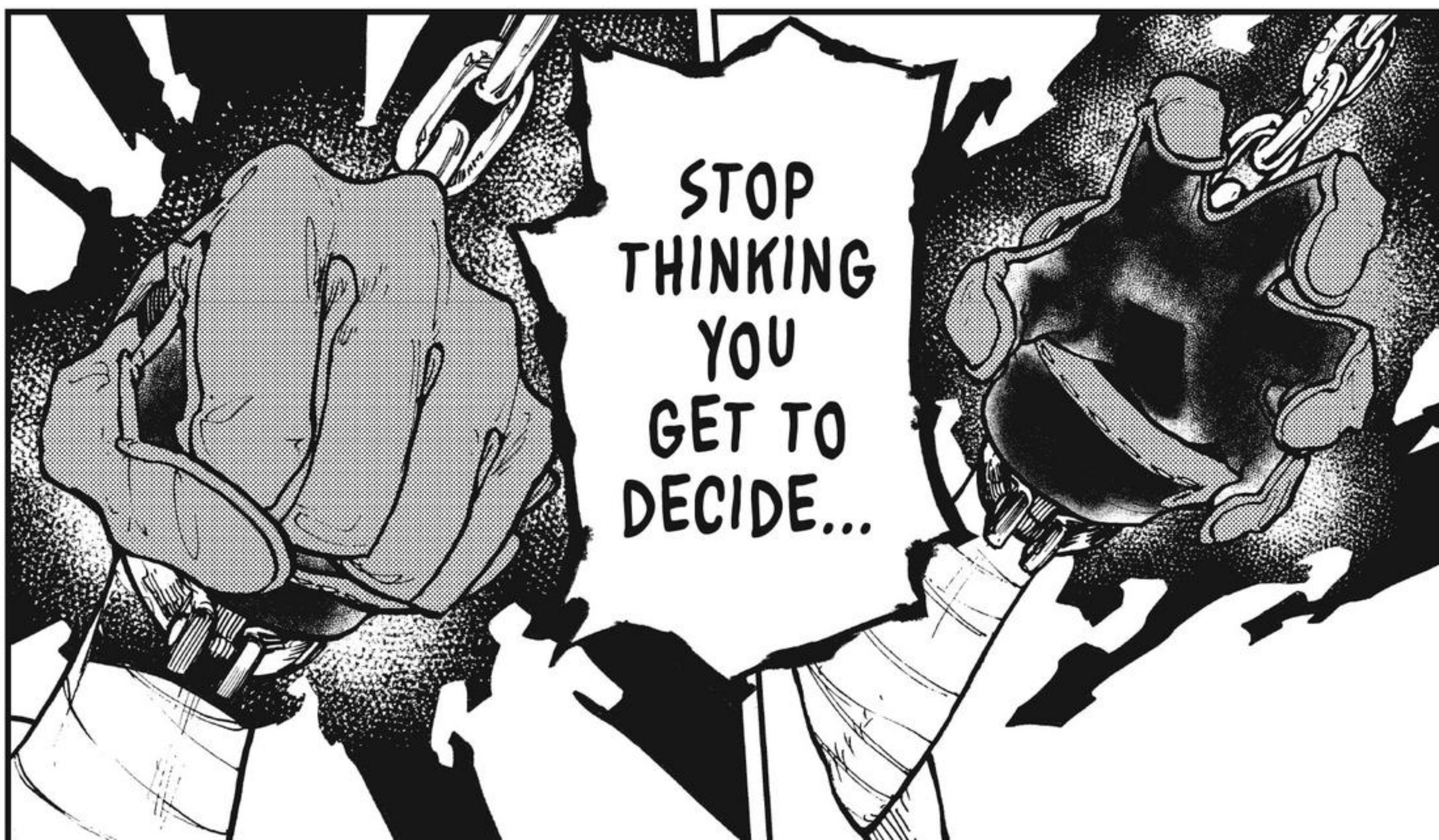
...LAST
ONE OF
YOU...

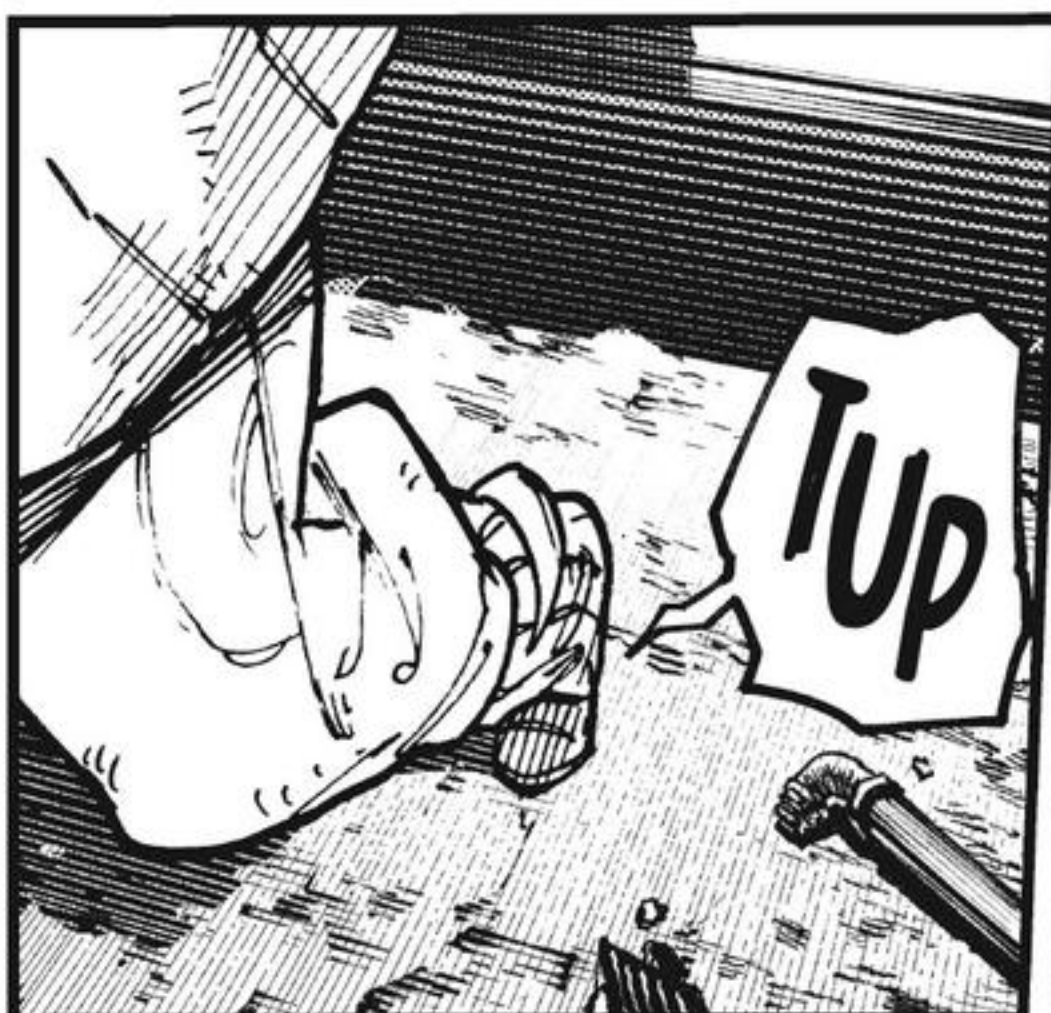
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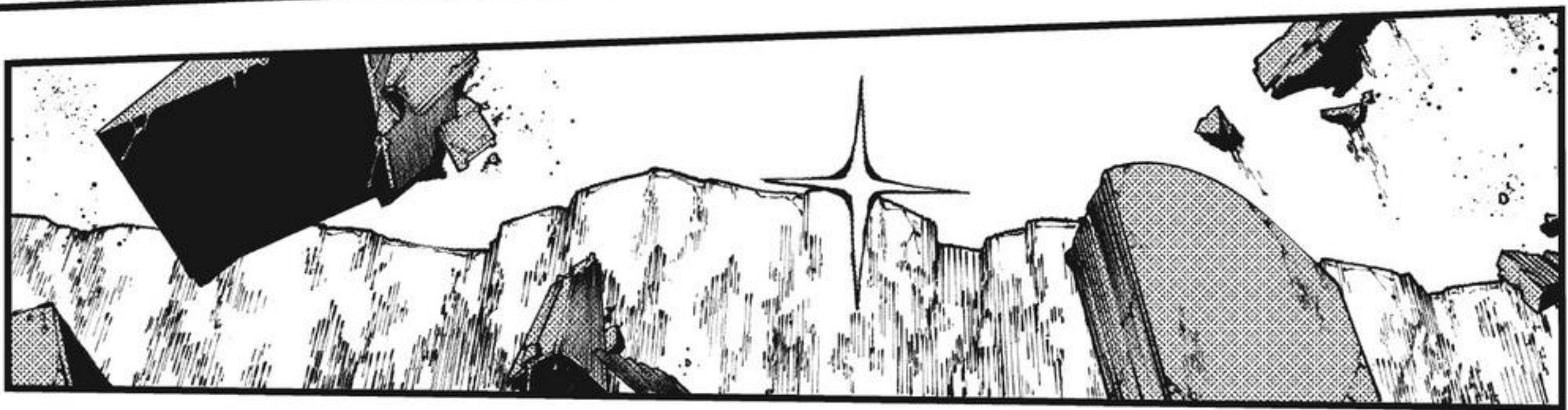






**I CAN'T
TAKE IT
ANYMORE.**

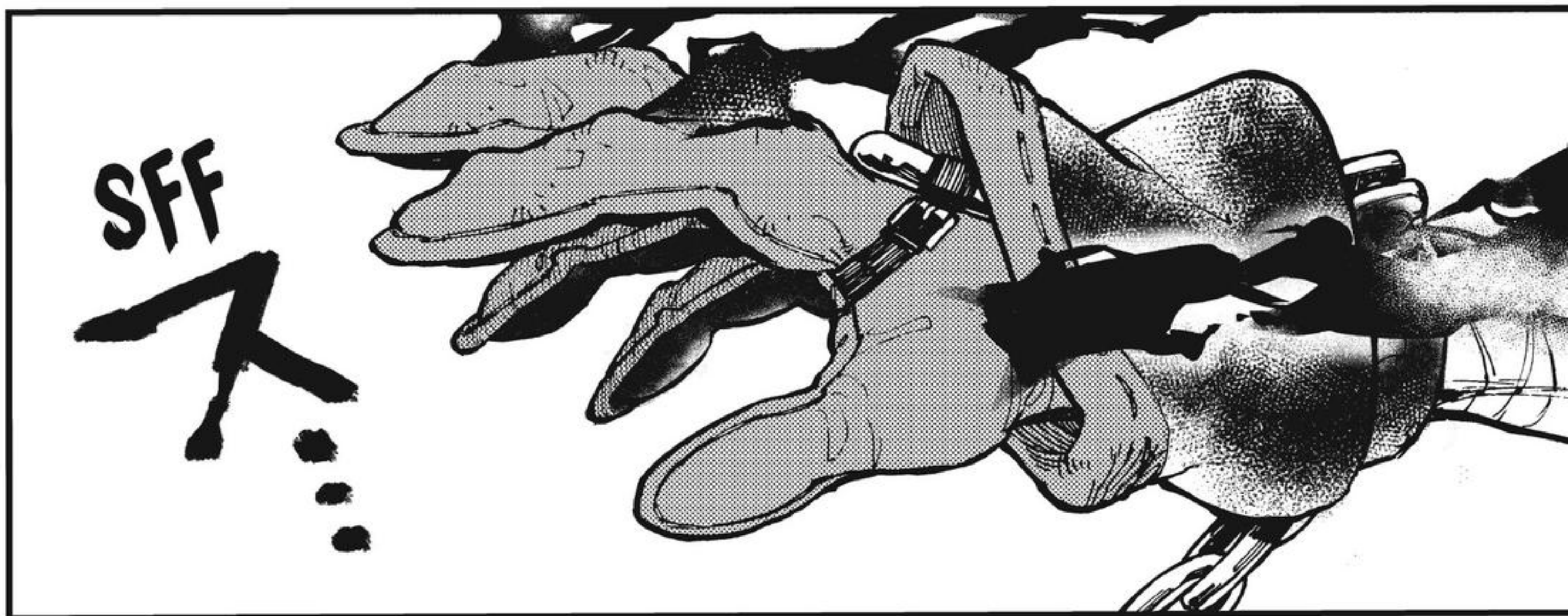






...I'M
SURE ONE
DAY THEY'LL
HAVE A
SOUL."

"IF
YOU TAKE
CARE OF
THEM..."



SFF
/



"AND I'M
SURE..."

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NO WAY!
THEY GOT
'EM IN THE
SPHERE,
TOO?!



!!
THAT
POWER...
IT CAN'T
BE!



PEOPLE WITH
THE ABILITY TO
GIVE LIFE TO
OBJECTS AND
DRAW OUT THEIR
POWER...

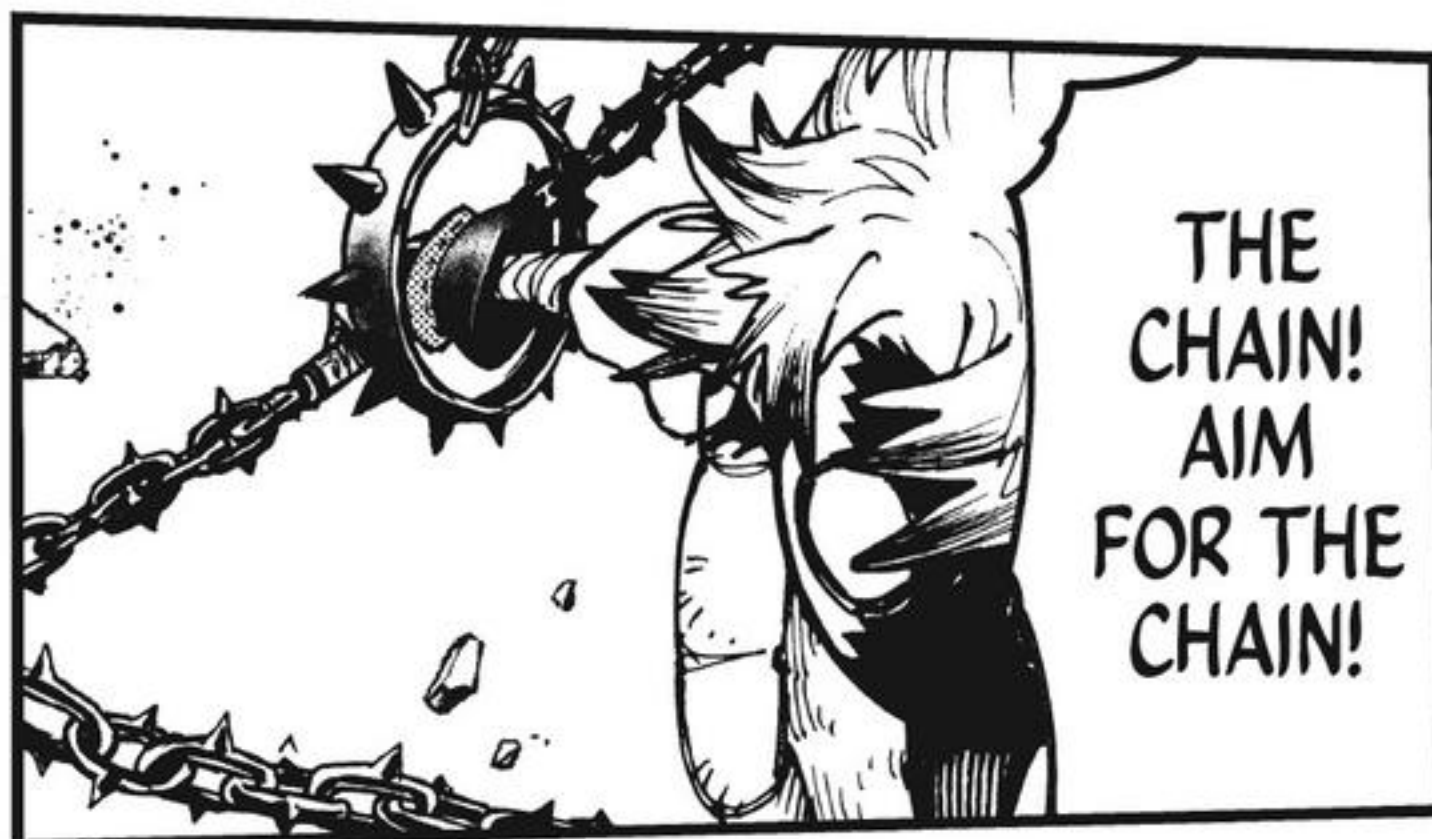
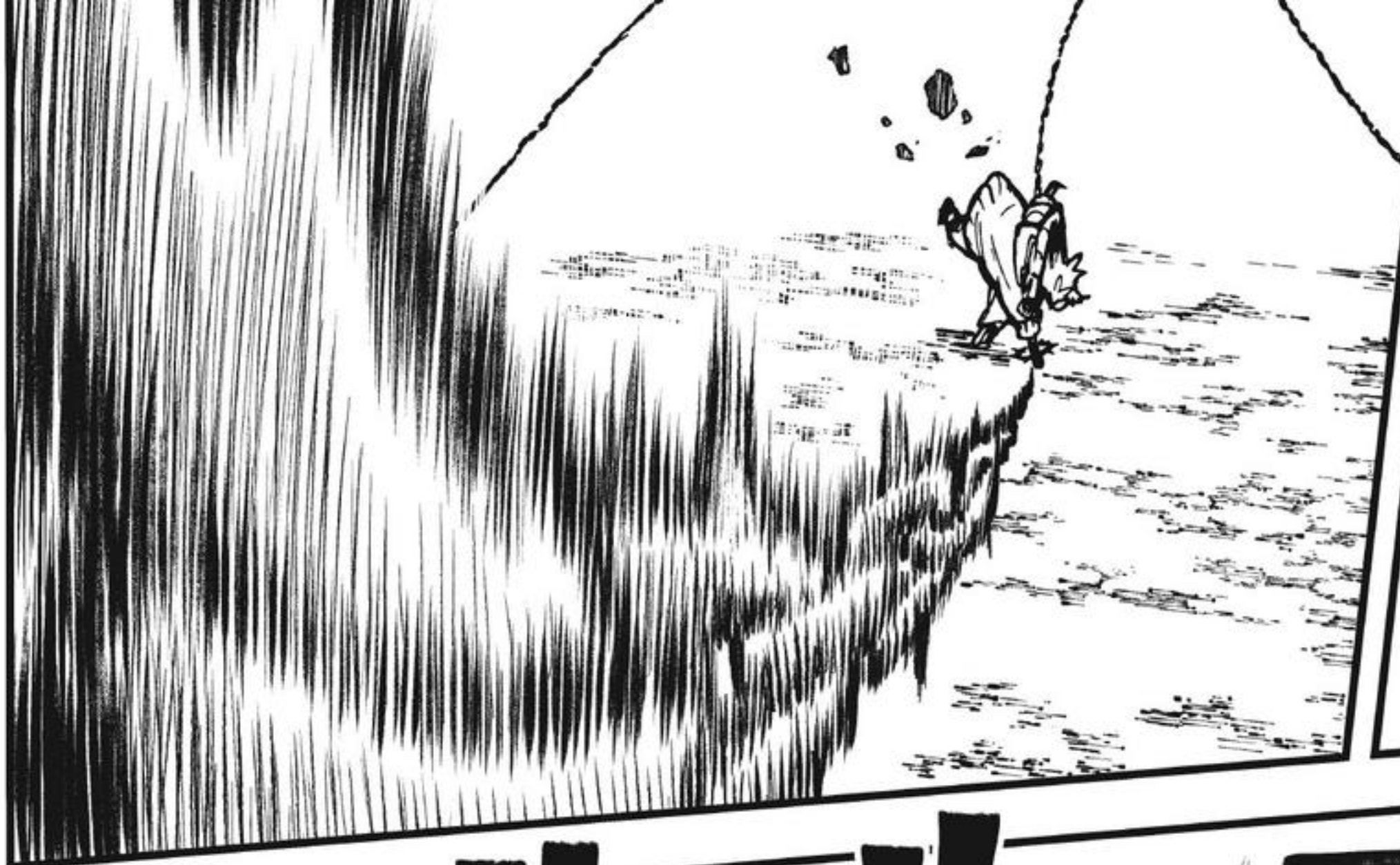


GIVERS!



I DON'T
CARE IF
HE'S A
GIVER OR
WHAT!

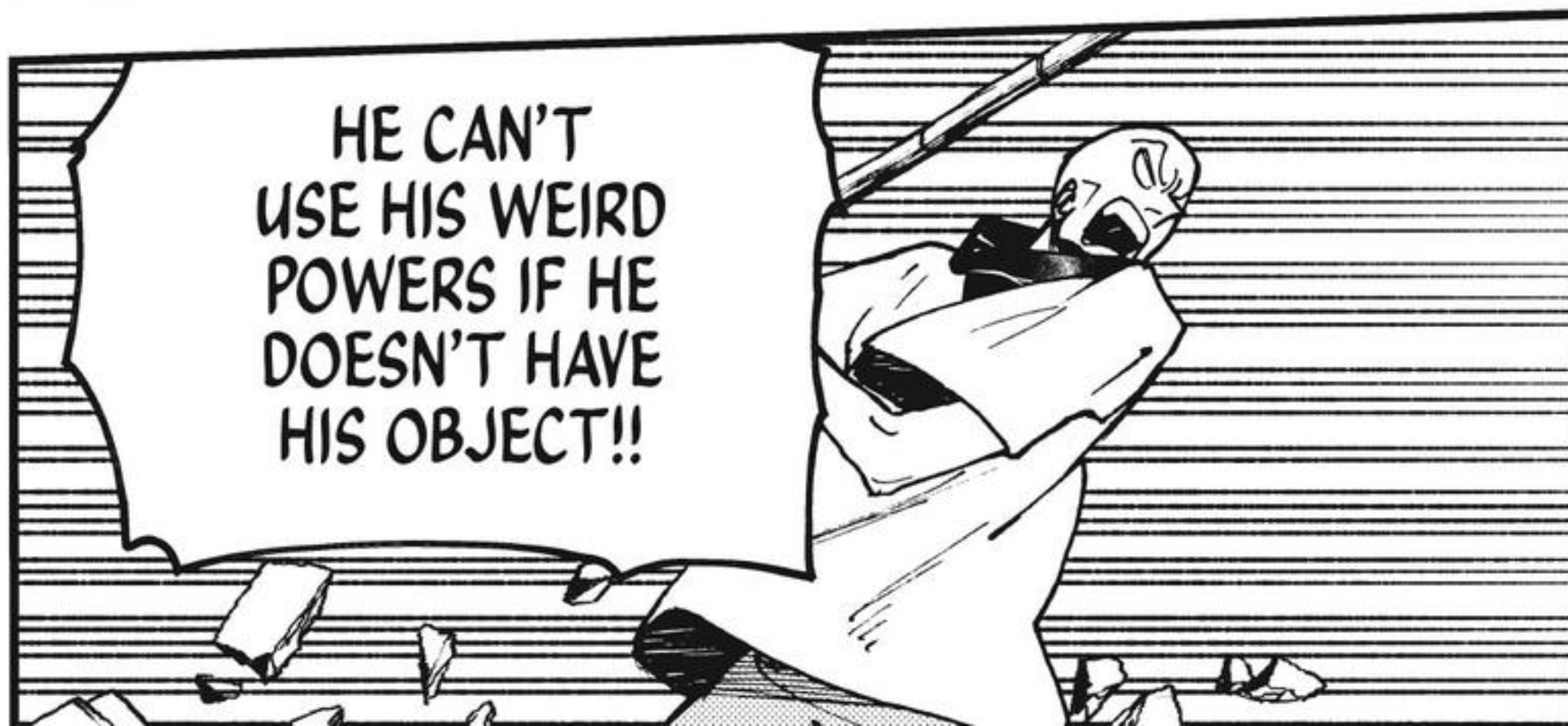




THE
CHAIN!
AIM
FOR THE
CHAIN!



IT'S
THAT!

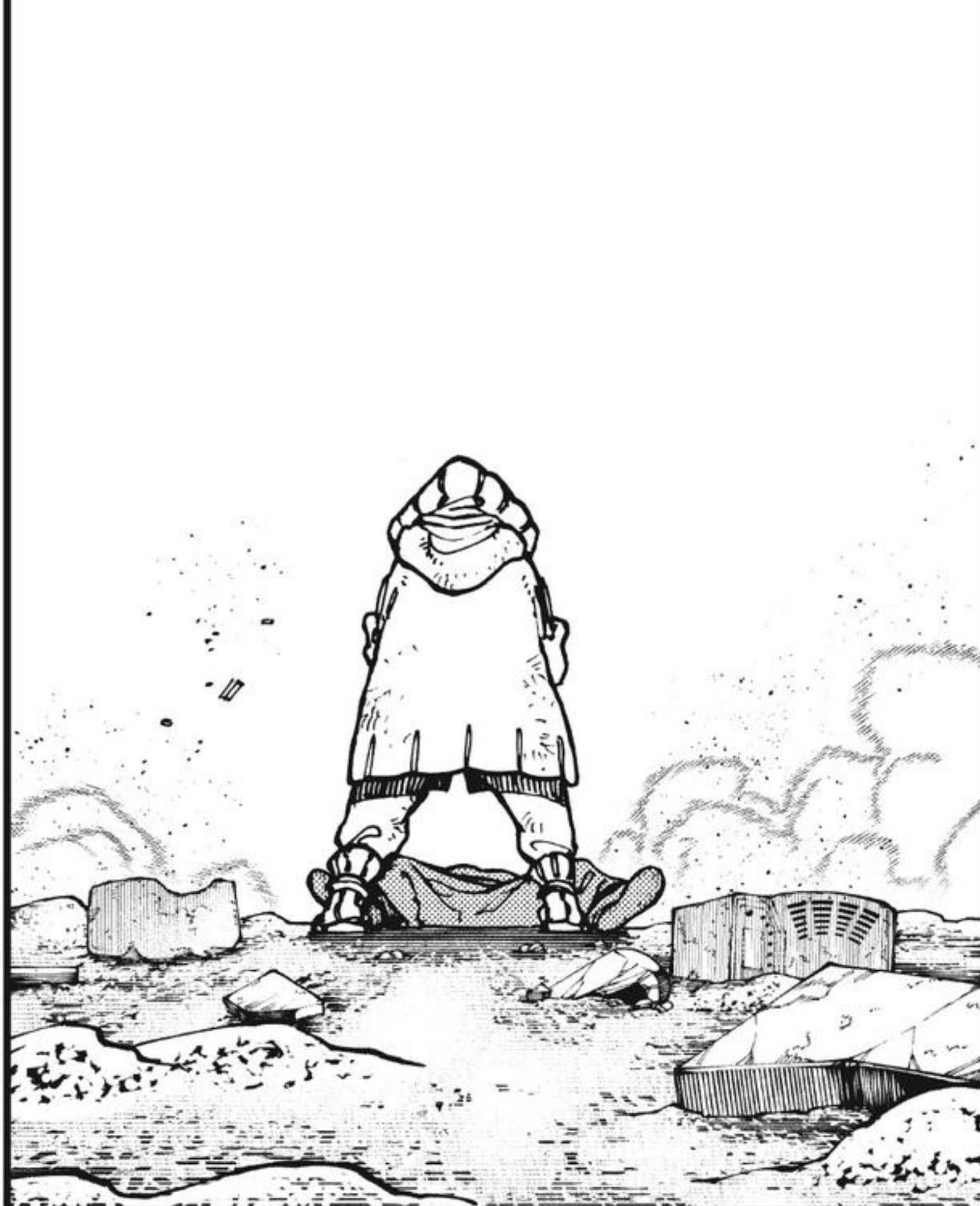


HE CAN'T
USE HIS WEIRD
POWERS IF HE
DOESN'T HAVE
HIS OBJECT!!



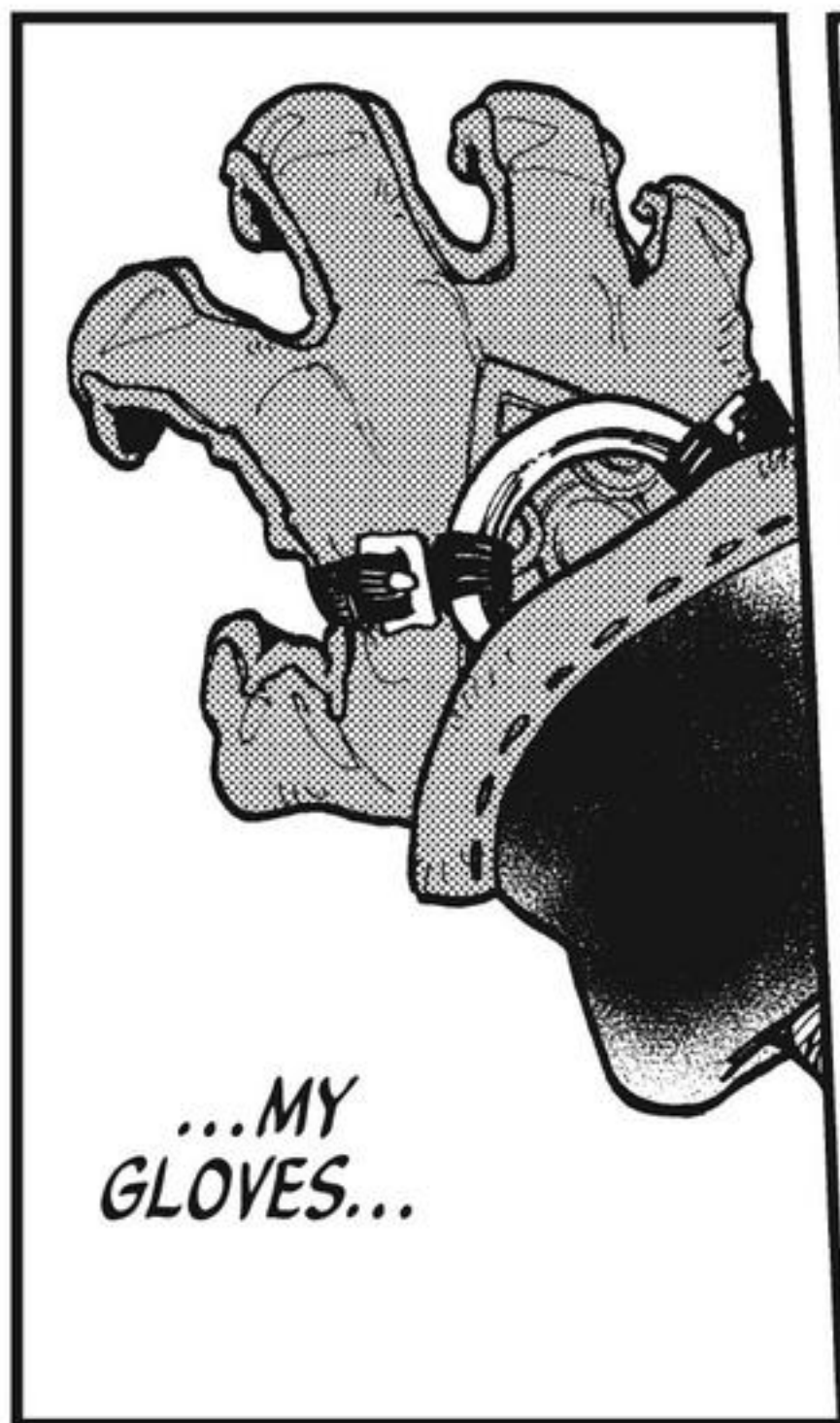








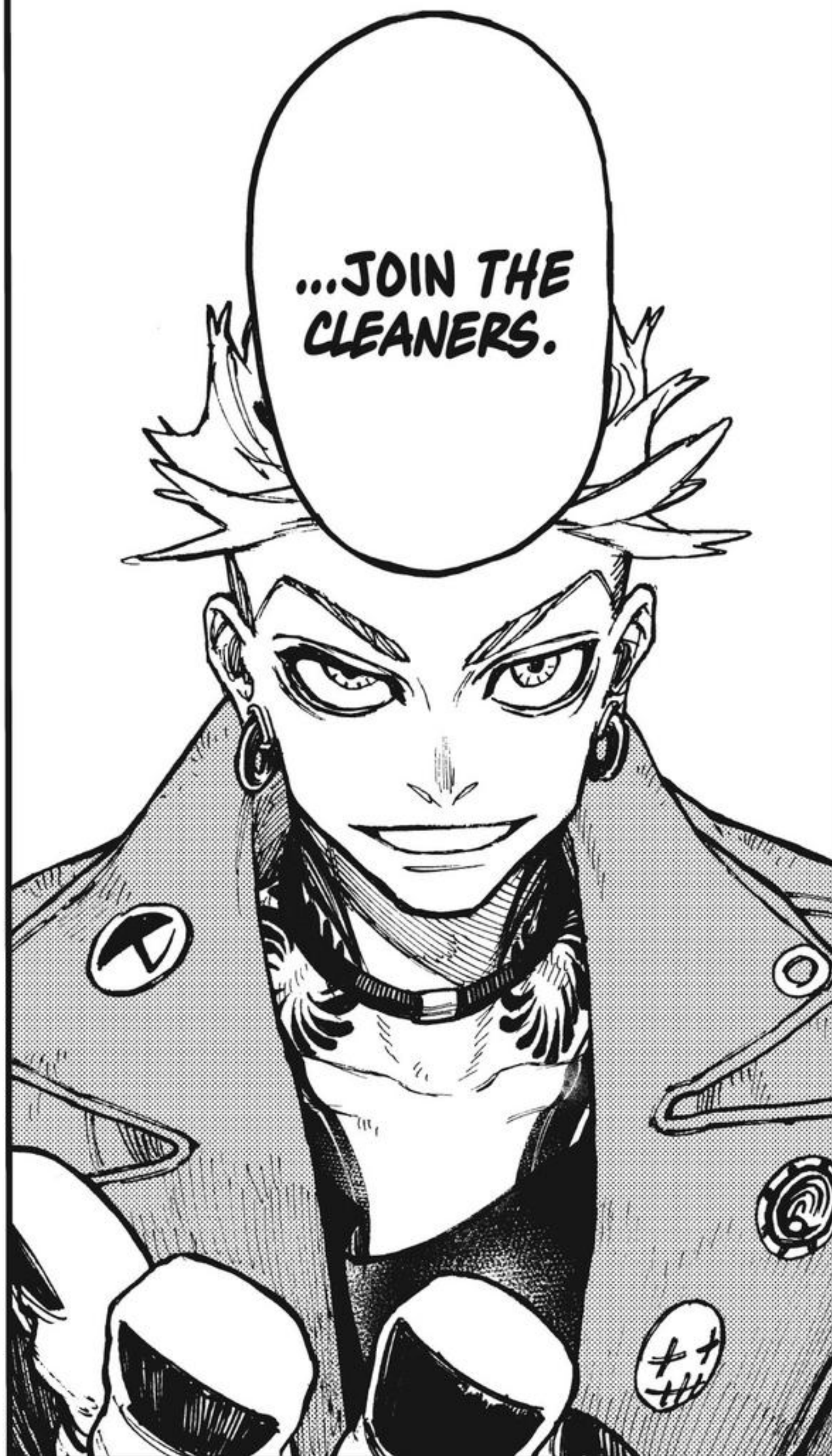




THE
CLEANERS
NEED
TALENT LIKE
YOURS.



...JOIN THE
CLEANERS.



I DON'T
WANNA.



I...



...



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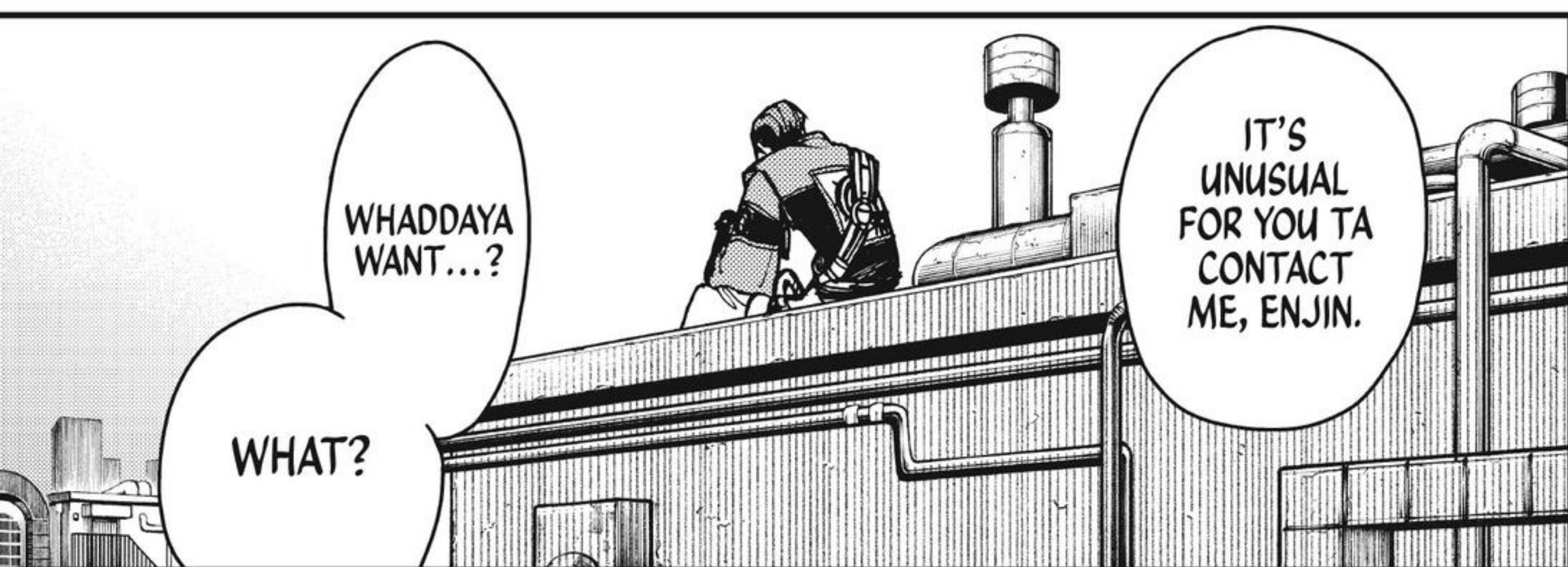
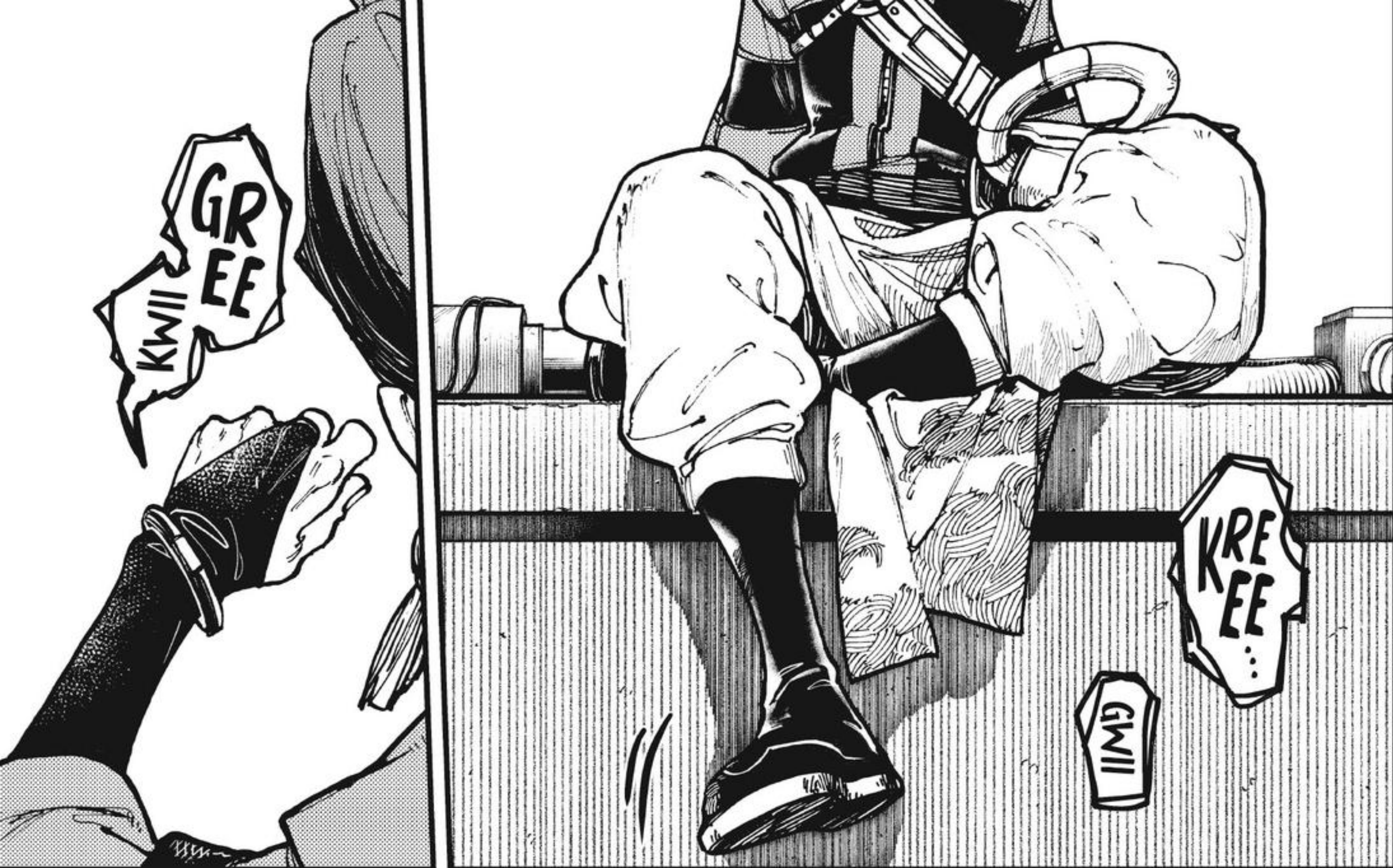


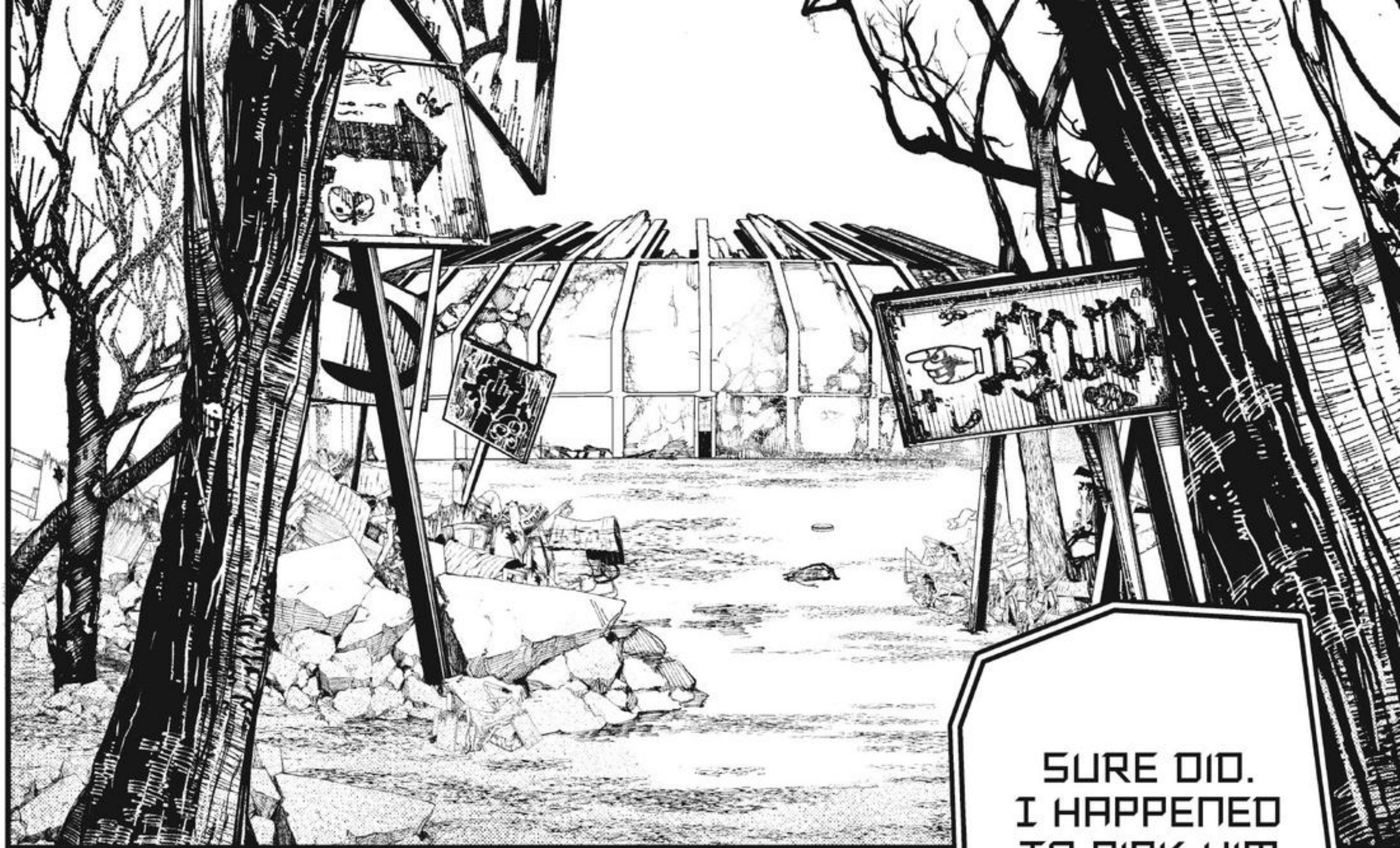
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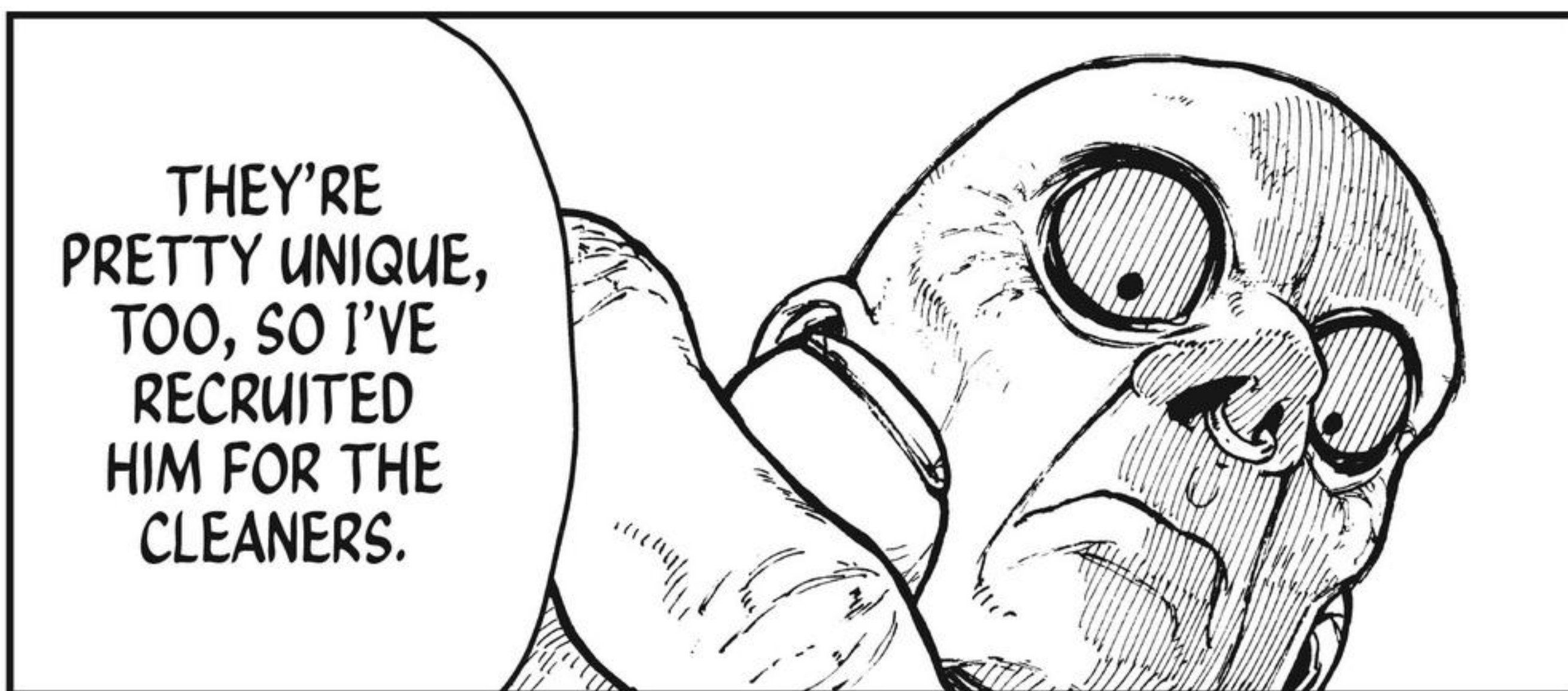


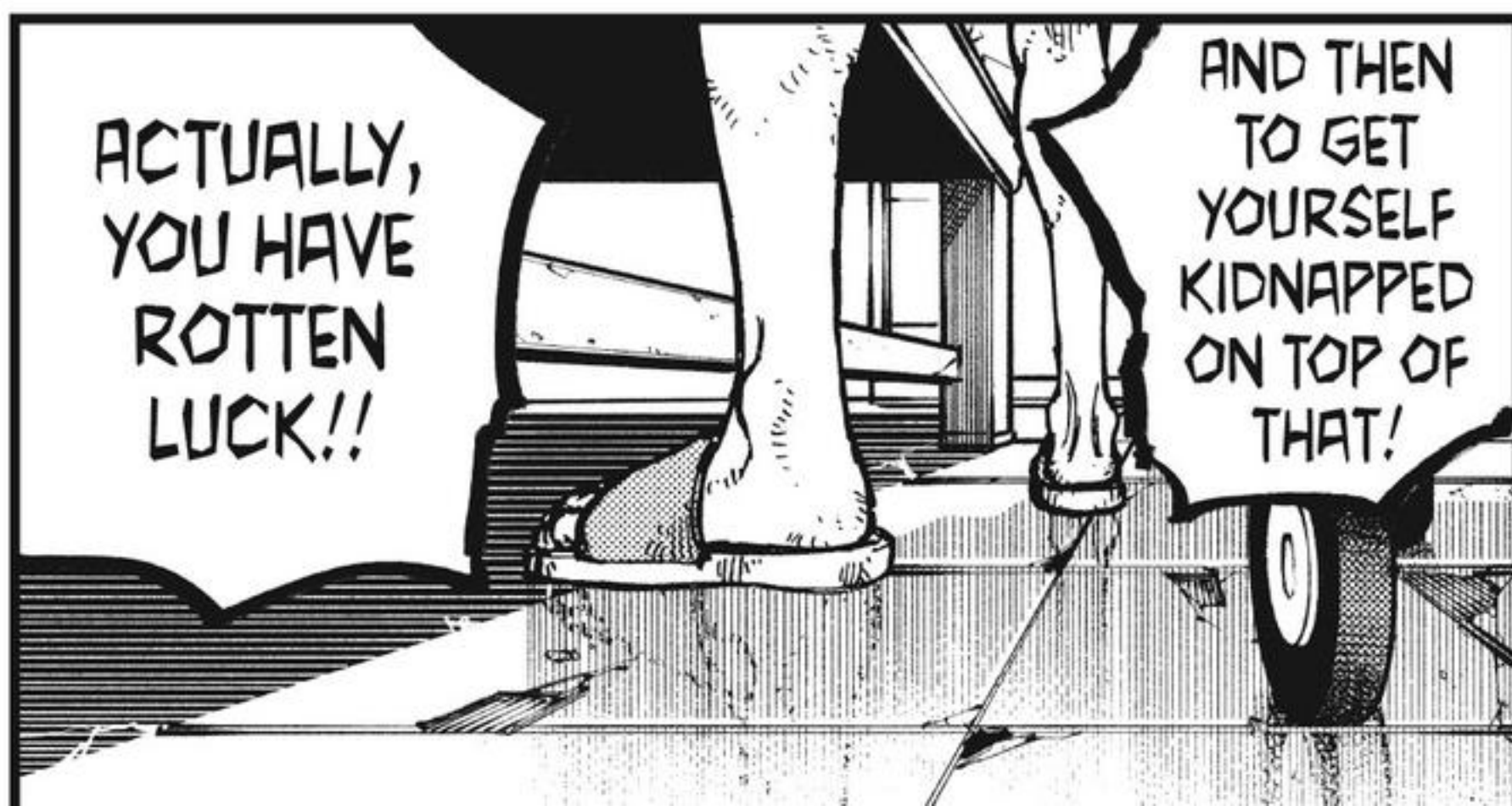
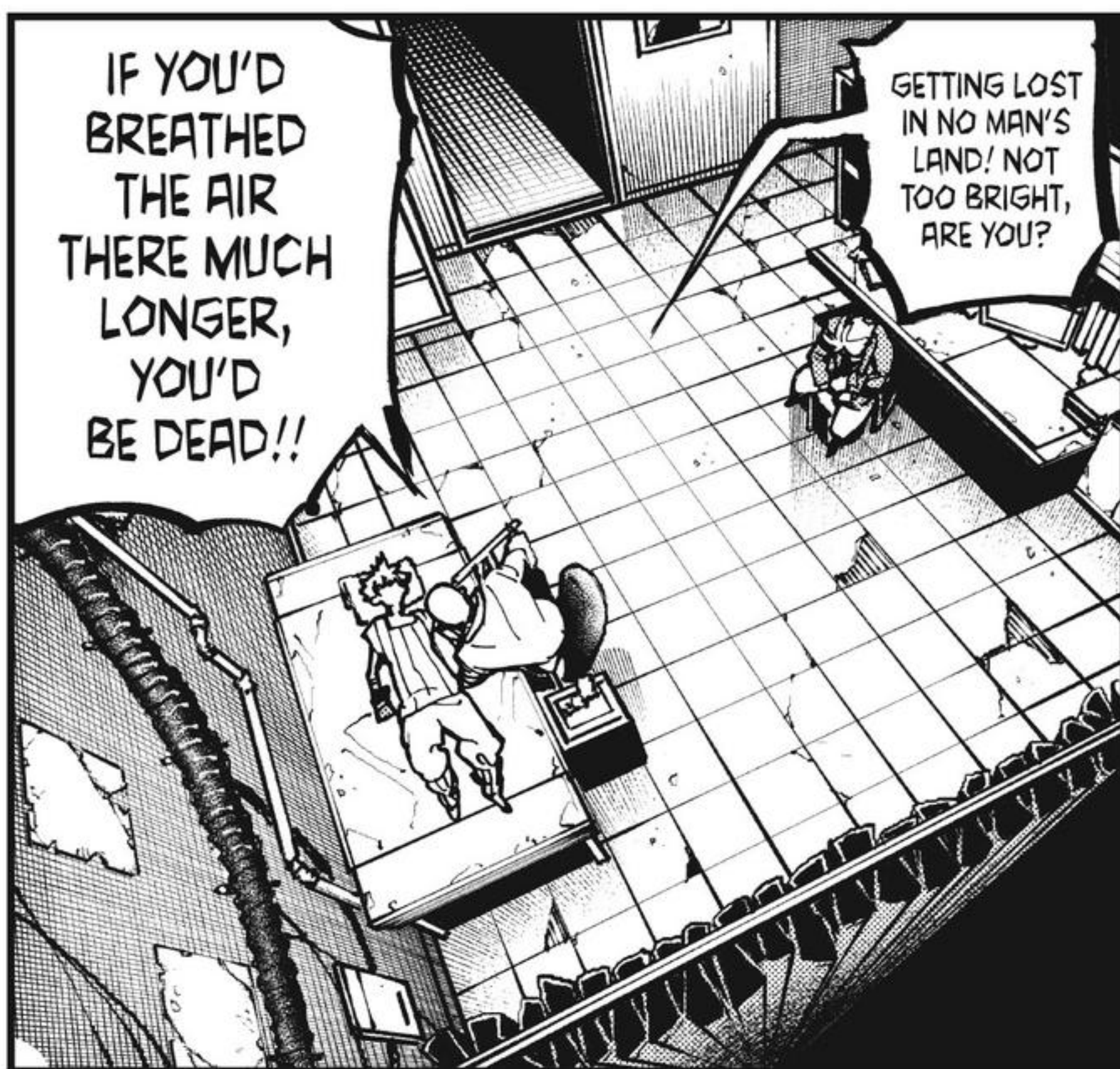


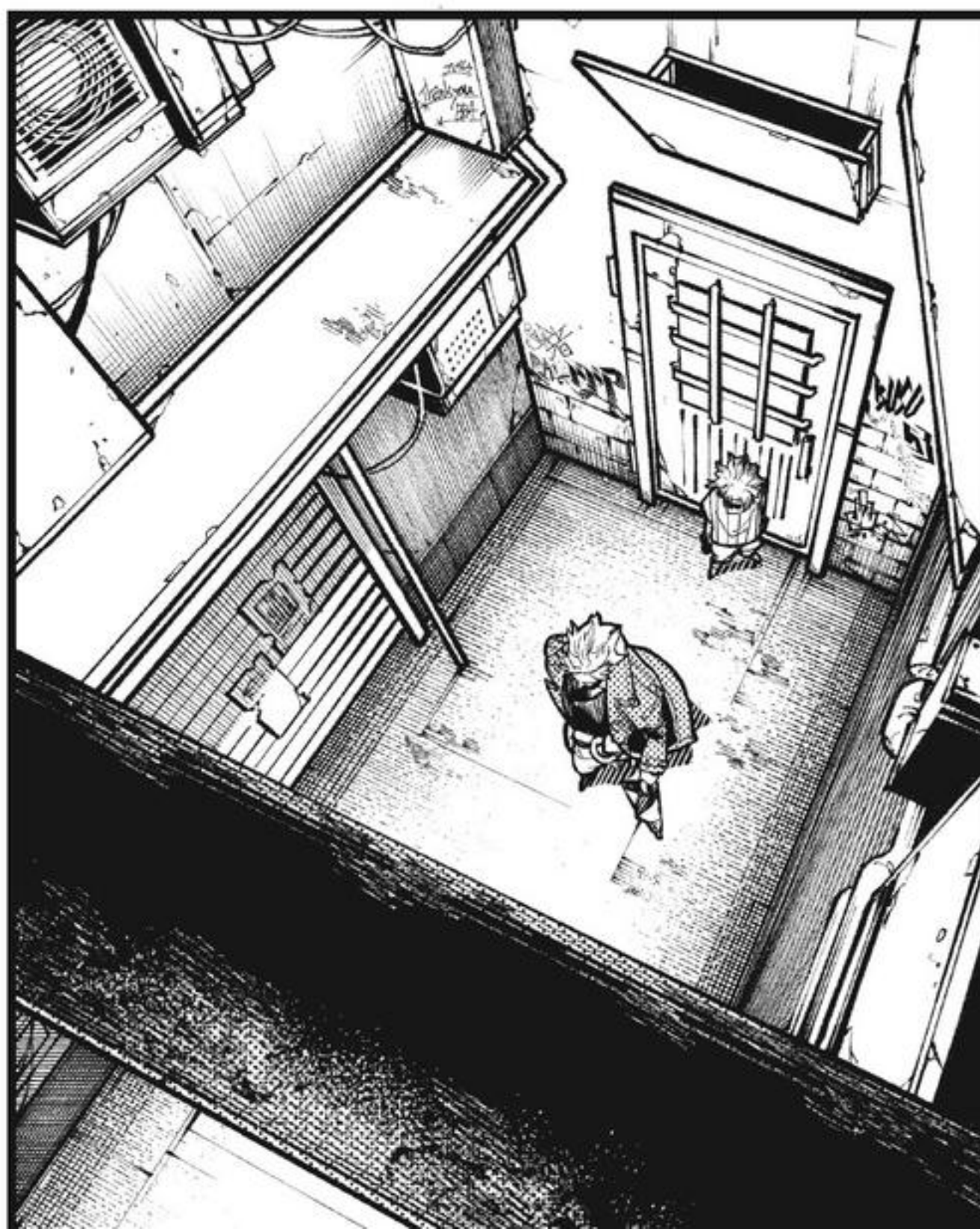
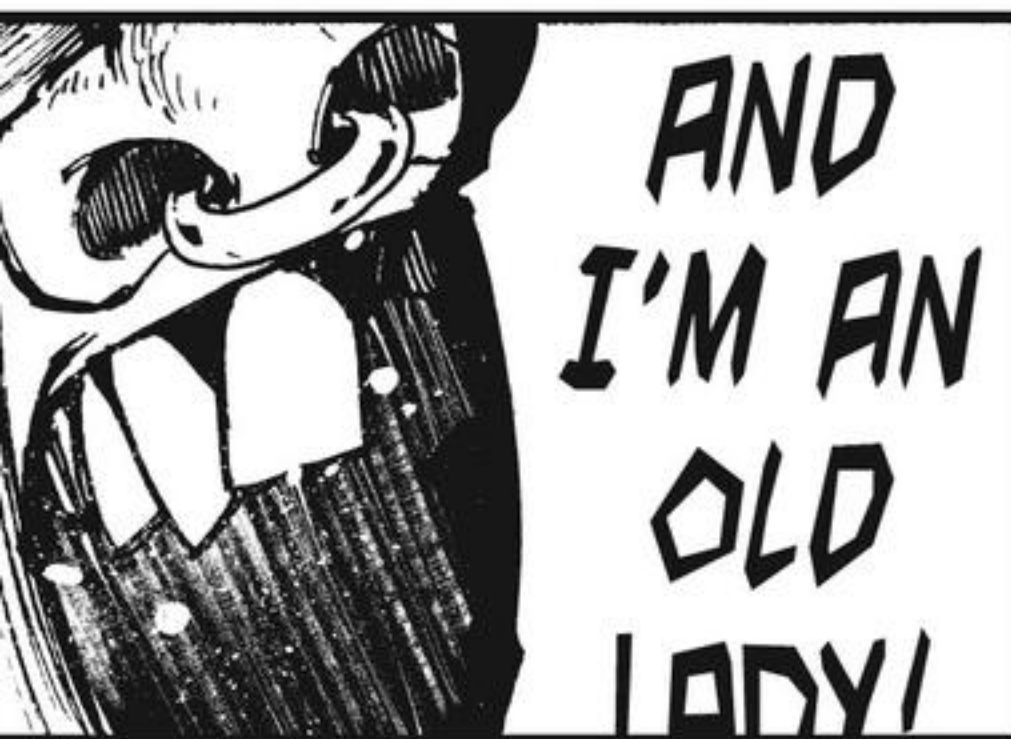
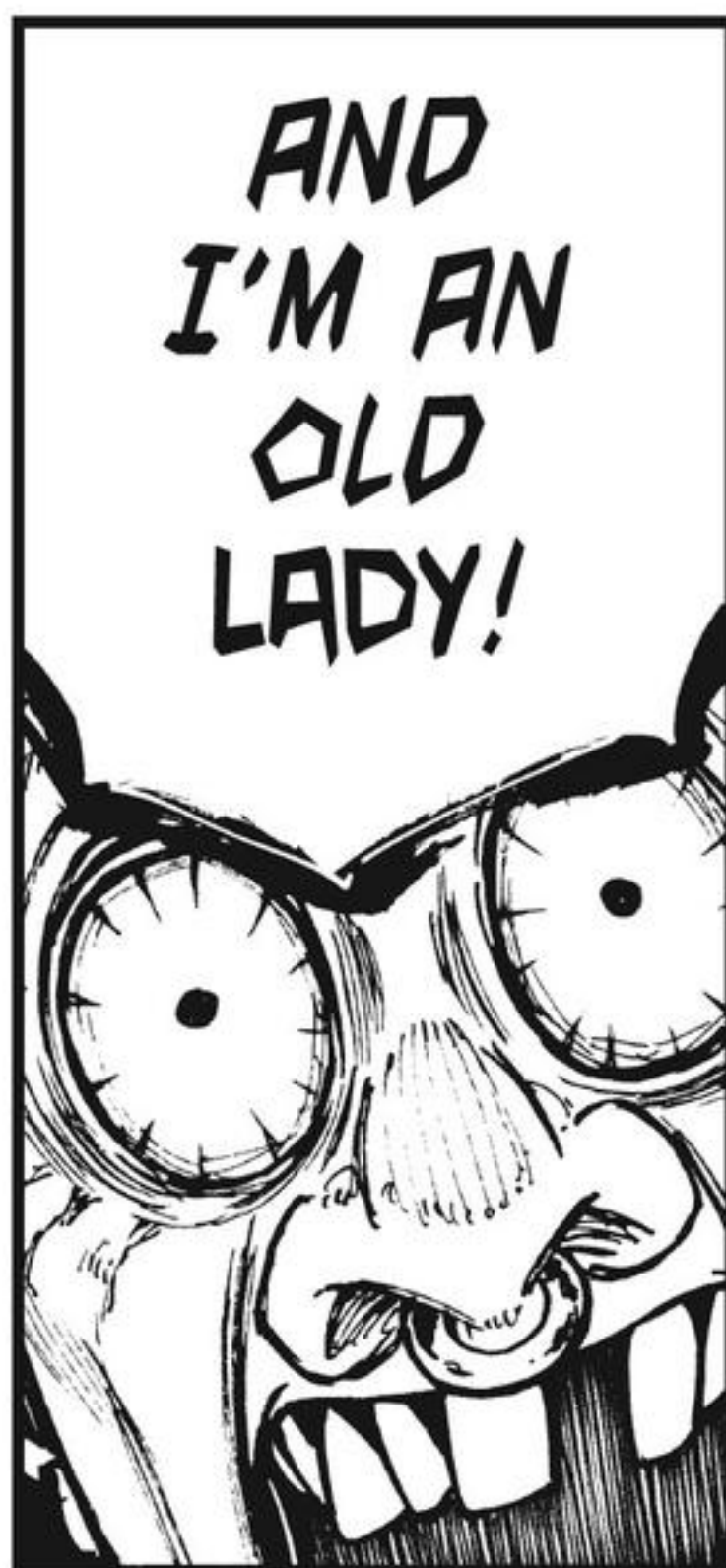
SURE DID.
I HAPPENED
TO PICK HIM
UP IN NO
MAN'S LAND.

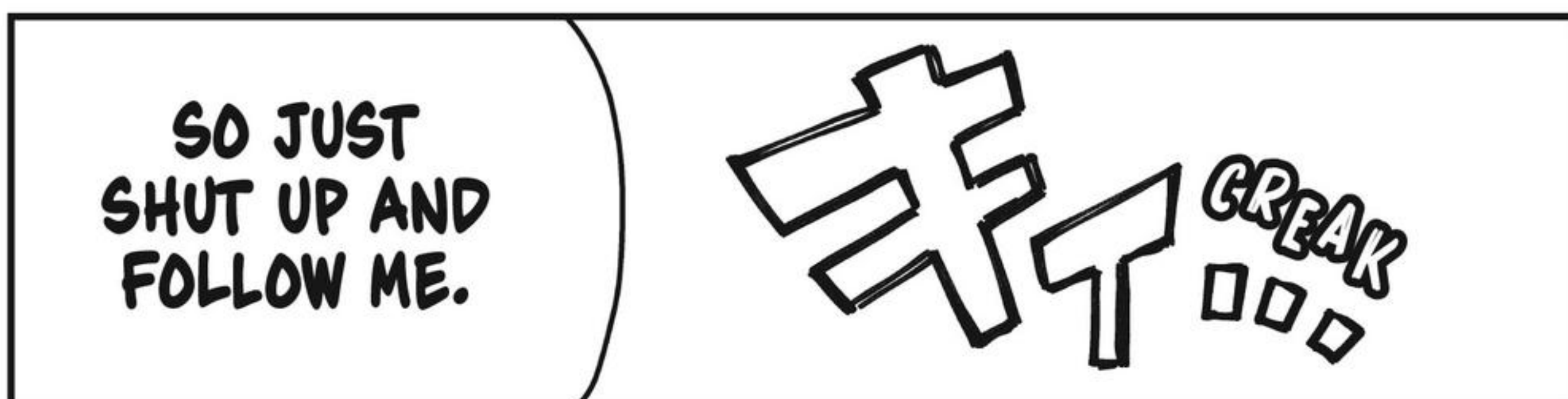
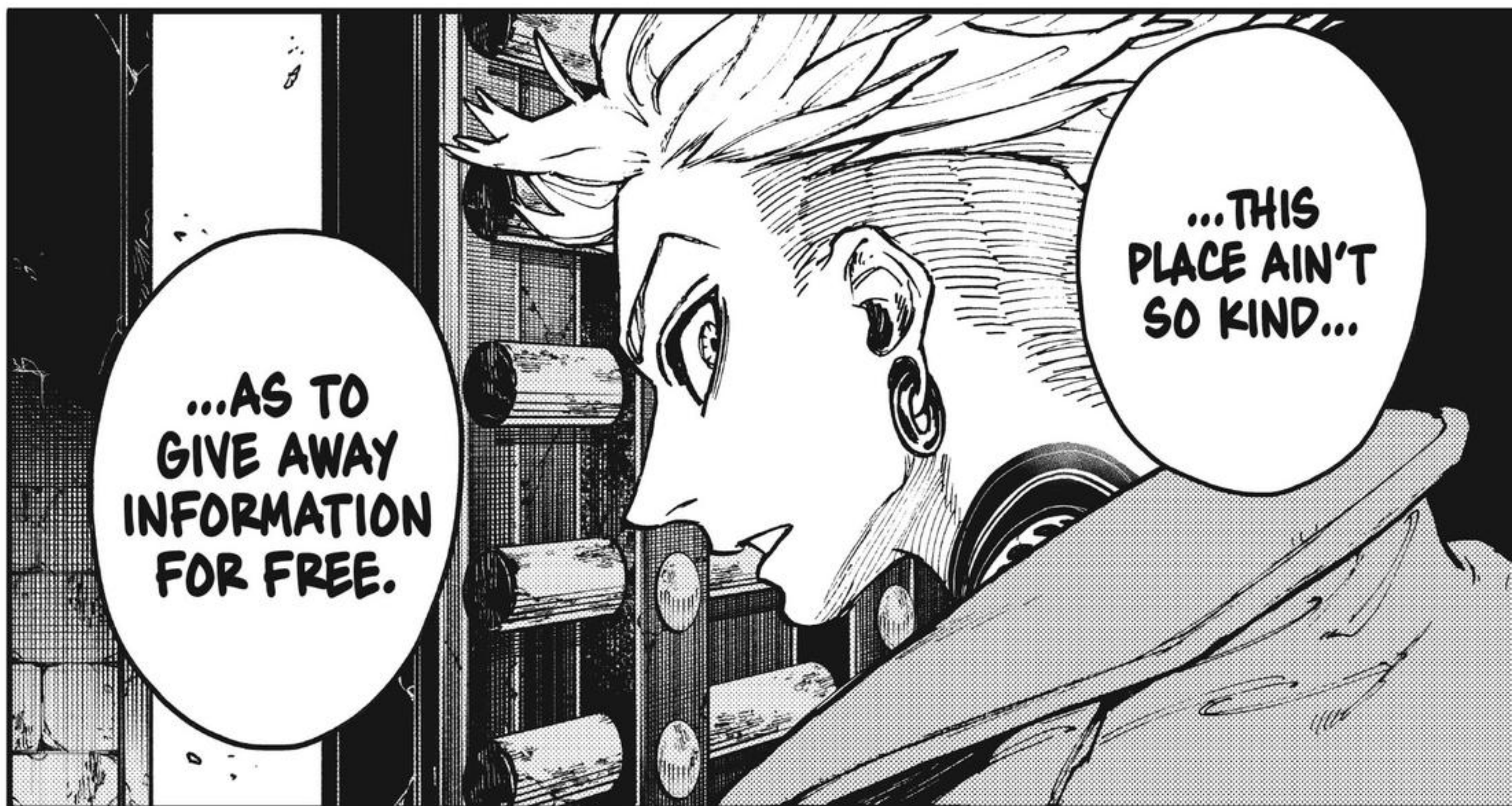
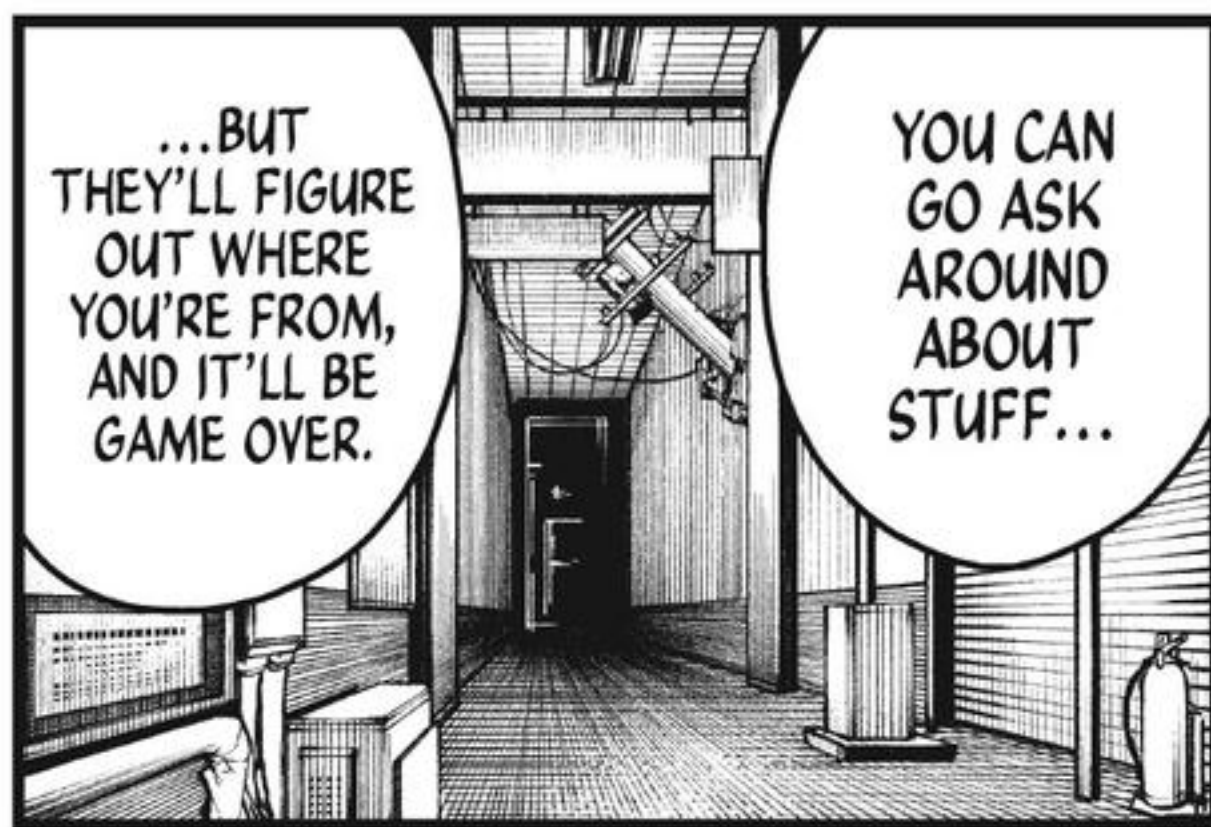


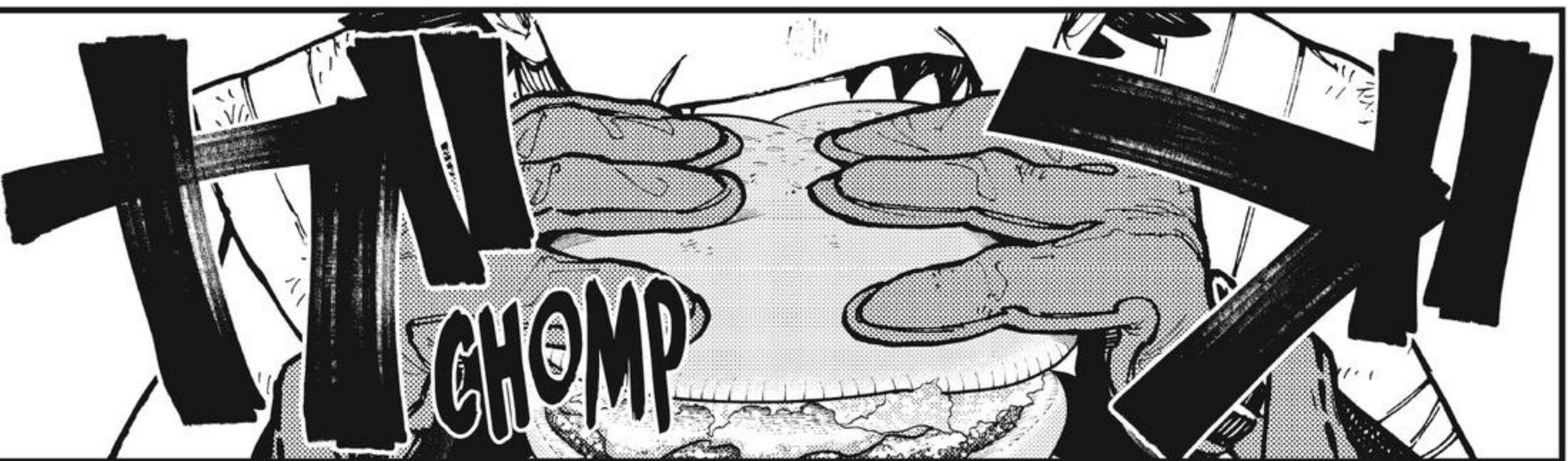
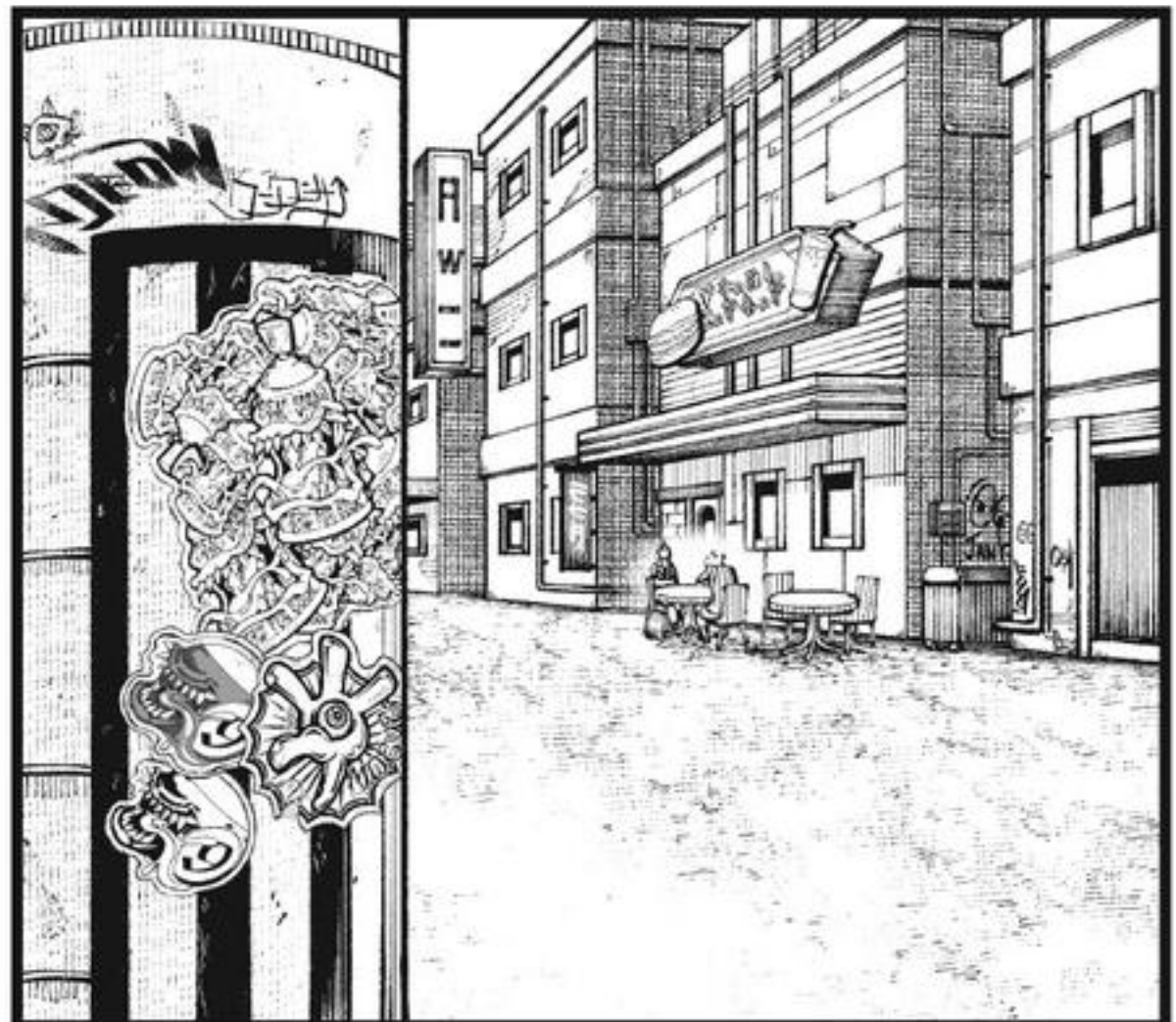
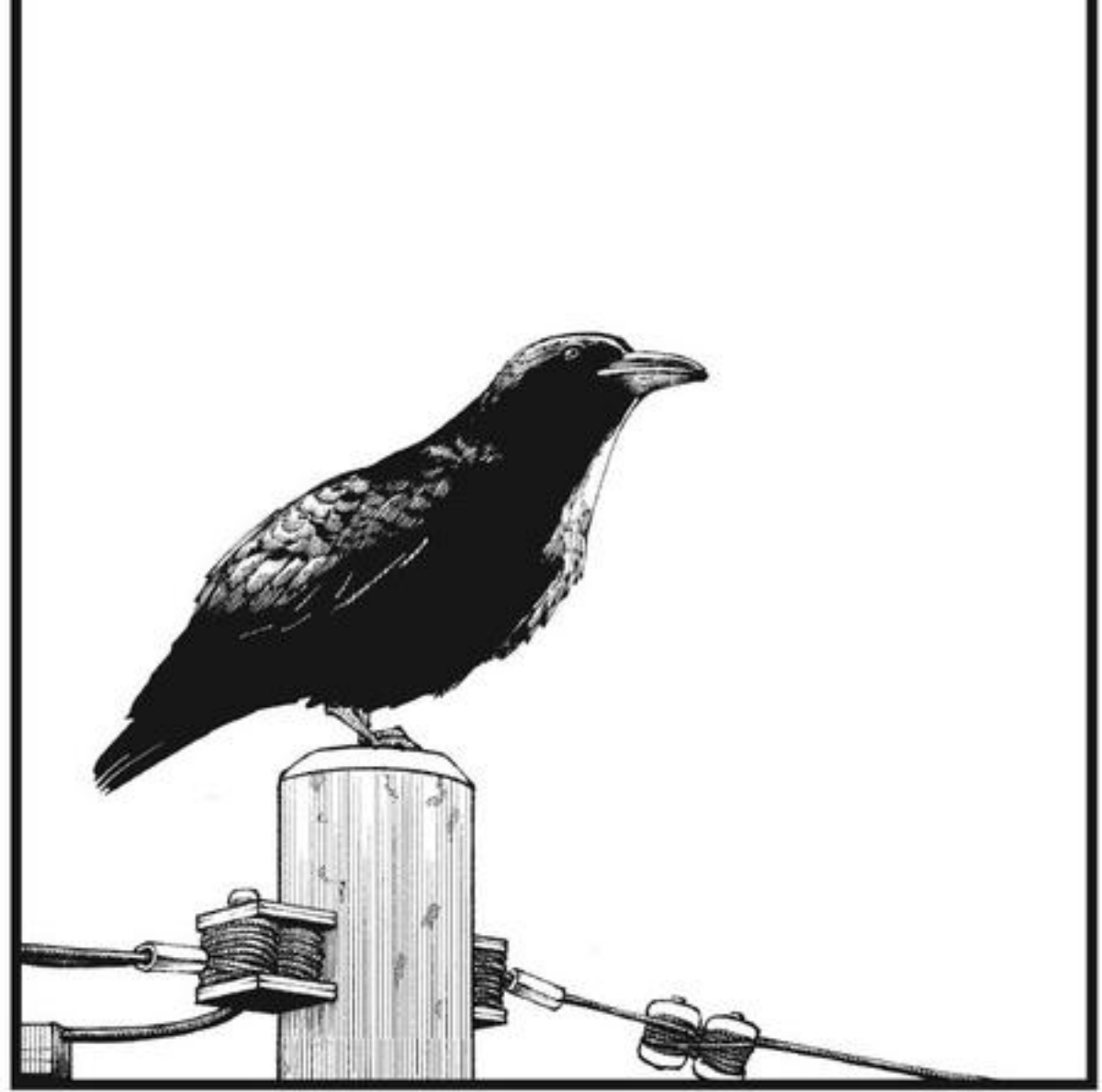
CHAPTER 4: THE GROUND











BY THE
WAY,
WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?

I THOUGHT
THE PIT... THE
GROUND WAS
ALL MADE OF
TRASH...

...RUDO.

...BUT
I GUESS
THERE'RE
REAL CITIES
AND REAL
FOOD HERE,
HUH?

RUDO...
HUH.

THAT'S
A GOOD
NAME.

ALL
RIGHT!

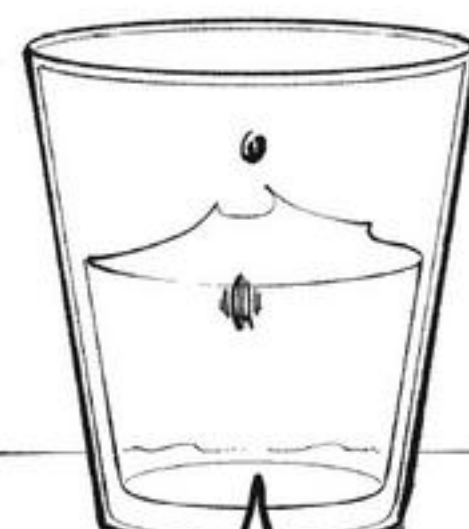
Y-
YEAH...

THEN LET'S
BEGIN YOUR
LECTURE
ON GROUND
STUDIES!

AND SO DO
FEELINGS AND
EMOTIONS...
ANIMA.

HERE ON
THE GROUND,
TRASH
ACCUMULATES
QUICKLY...

OO
OO
E



DRIPP

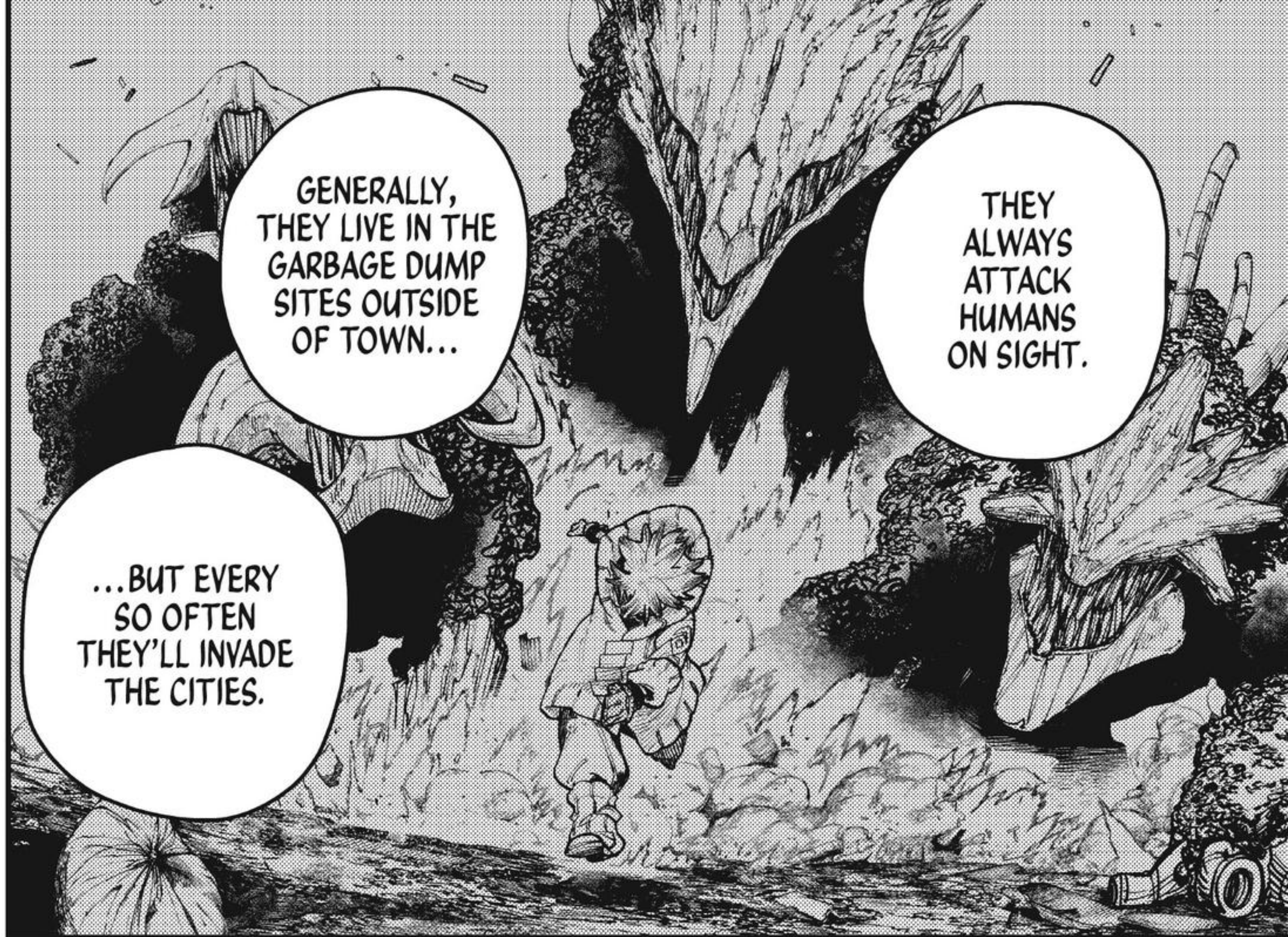
...WHICH
CAUSES A
VARIETY OF
UNUSUAL
PHENOMENA.



SOMETIMES,
THAT GETS
CONVERTED
INTO ENERGY...

ONE
OF THESE
IS THE
BIRTH
OF TRASH
BEASTS.





GENERALLY,
THEY LIVE IN THE
GARBAGE DUMP
SITES OUTSIDE
OF TOWN...

THEY
ALWAYS
ATTACK
HUMANS
ON SIGHT.

...BUT EVERY
SO OFTEN
THEY'LL INVADE
THE CITIES.



LIKE I TOLD
YOU BEFORE,
NORMAL
WEAPONS
DON'T WORK
ON TRASH
BEASTS.

SINCE
THEIR
CORES
ARE
MADE OF
ANIMA.



SO THEN
SHOULDN'T
YOU FORTIFY
THE PLACE?

HUMANS
AREN'T CUT
OUT FOR
LONG-TERM
CONFINEMENT.



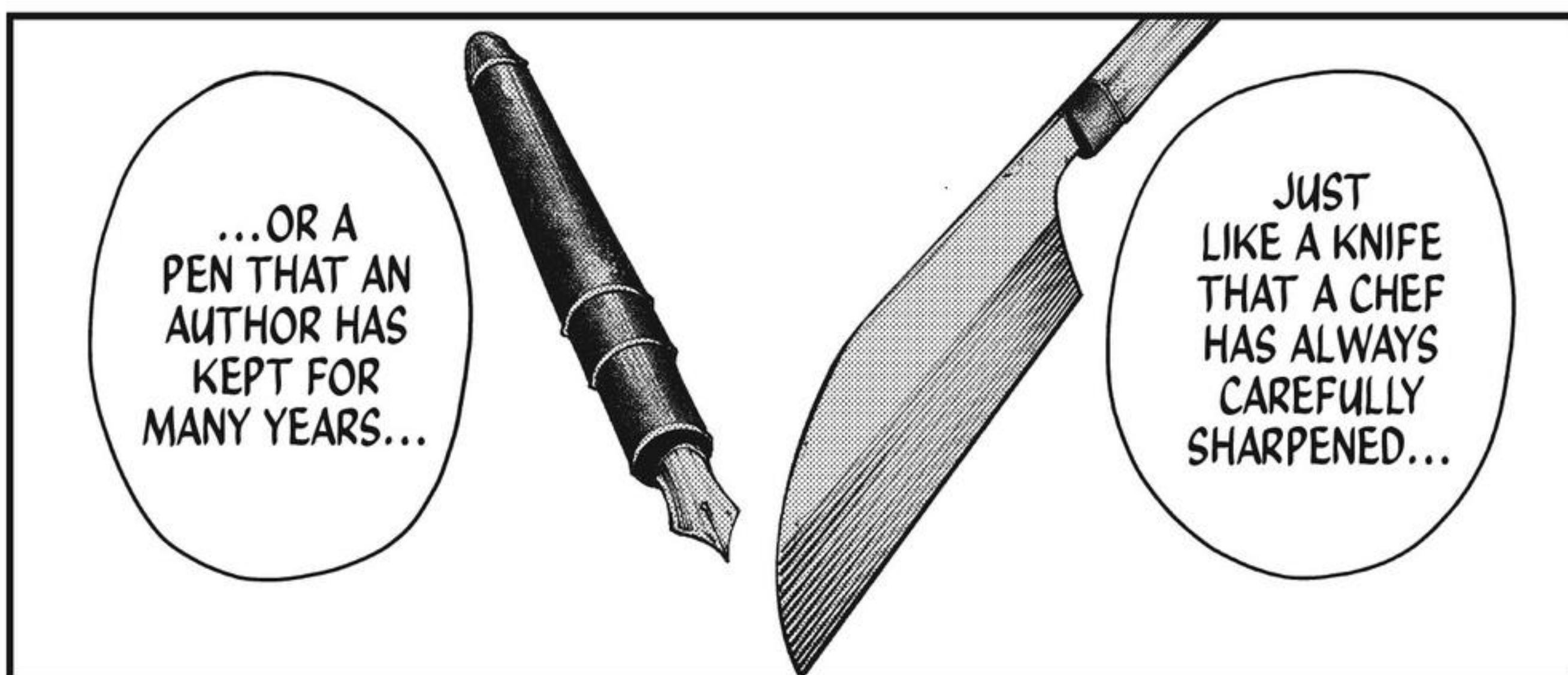
TRUE...



...WITH
THESE?

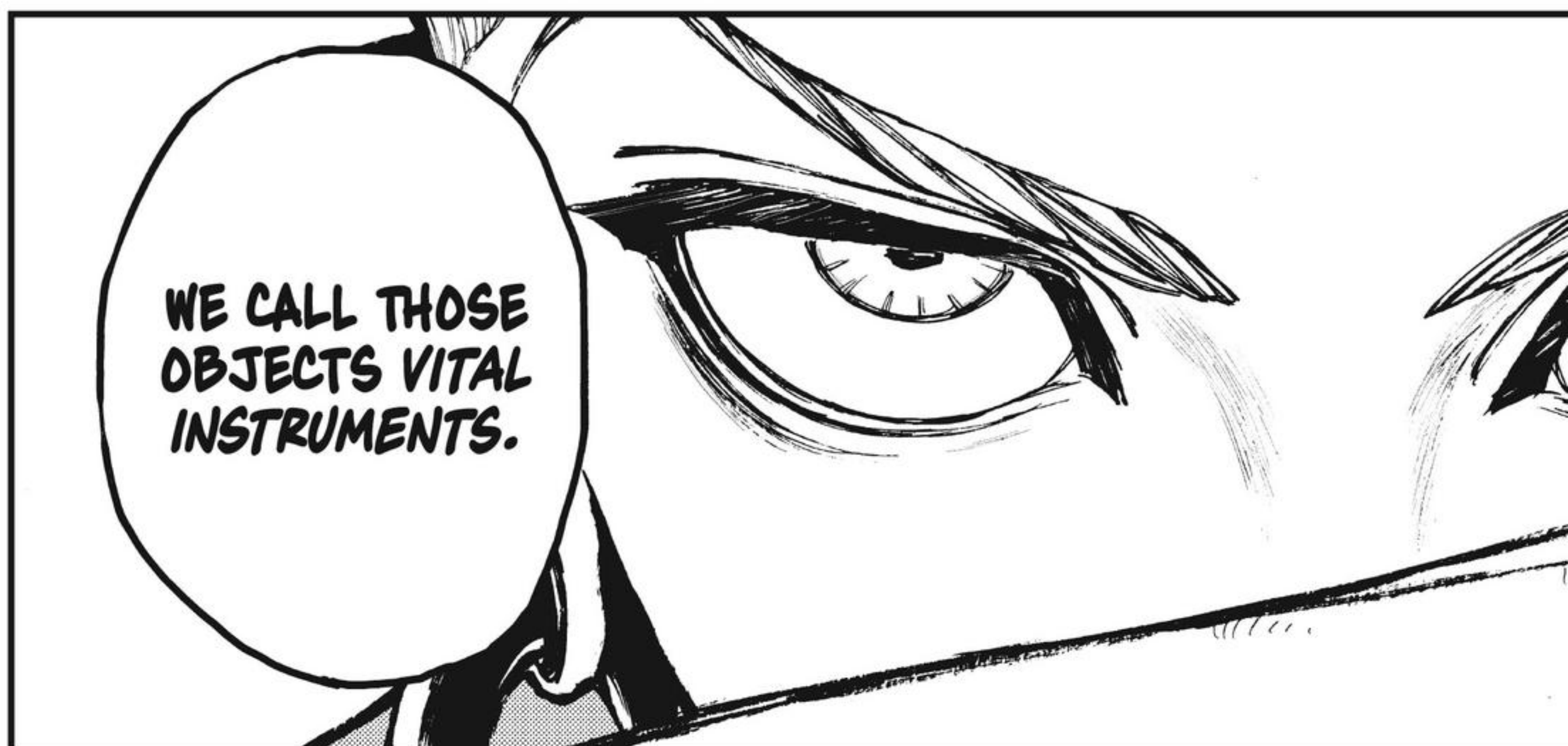


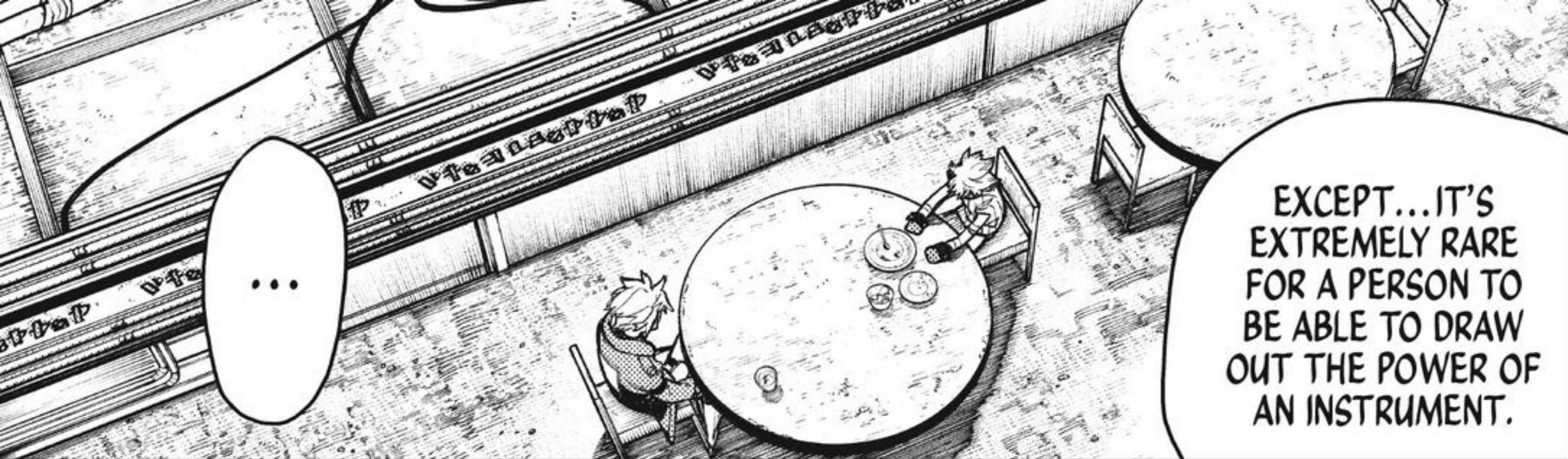
BUT
YOU CAN
BEAT THEM
WITH THOSE
GLOVES.



...OR A
PEN THAT AN
AUTHOR HAS
KEPT FOR
MANY YEARS...

JUST
LIKE A KNIFE
THAT A CHEF
HAS ALWAYS
CAREFULLY
SHARPENED...





...

EXCEPT...IT'S
EXTREMELY RARE
FOR A PERSON TO
BE ABLE TO DRAW
OUT THE POWER OF
AN INSTRUMENT.



EXACTLY.

YOU AN'
ME BOTH
HAVE THAT
POWER...

WE'RE
GIVERS.



SO I'M
ONE OF THOSE
PEOPLE WHO
CAN DRAW OUT
THE POWER
OF A VITAL
INSTRUMENT...

...RIGHT?



WHICH IS
WHY WE
NEED
GIVERS.

BASICALLY,
THE CLEANERS
ARE AN
ORGANIZATION
OF TRASH BEAST
EXTERMINATORS!





31
PHOO

THEY
MIGHT
KNOW
SOME-
THING.

BUT MY
BOSS
KNOWS
A LOT.



...



AGH...SO IN
THE END, I
WON'T GET
ANYWHERE
UNLESS I
MEET YOUR
BOSS?



THOSE
GLOVES...

...WHO
GAVE 'EM
TO YOU?



MY
FATHER...

TO ME,
THESE
ARE...

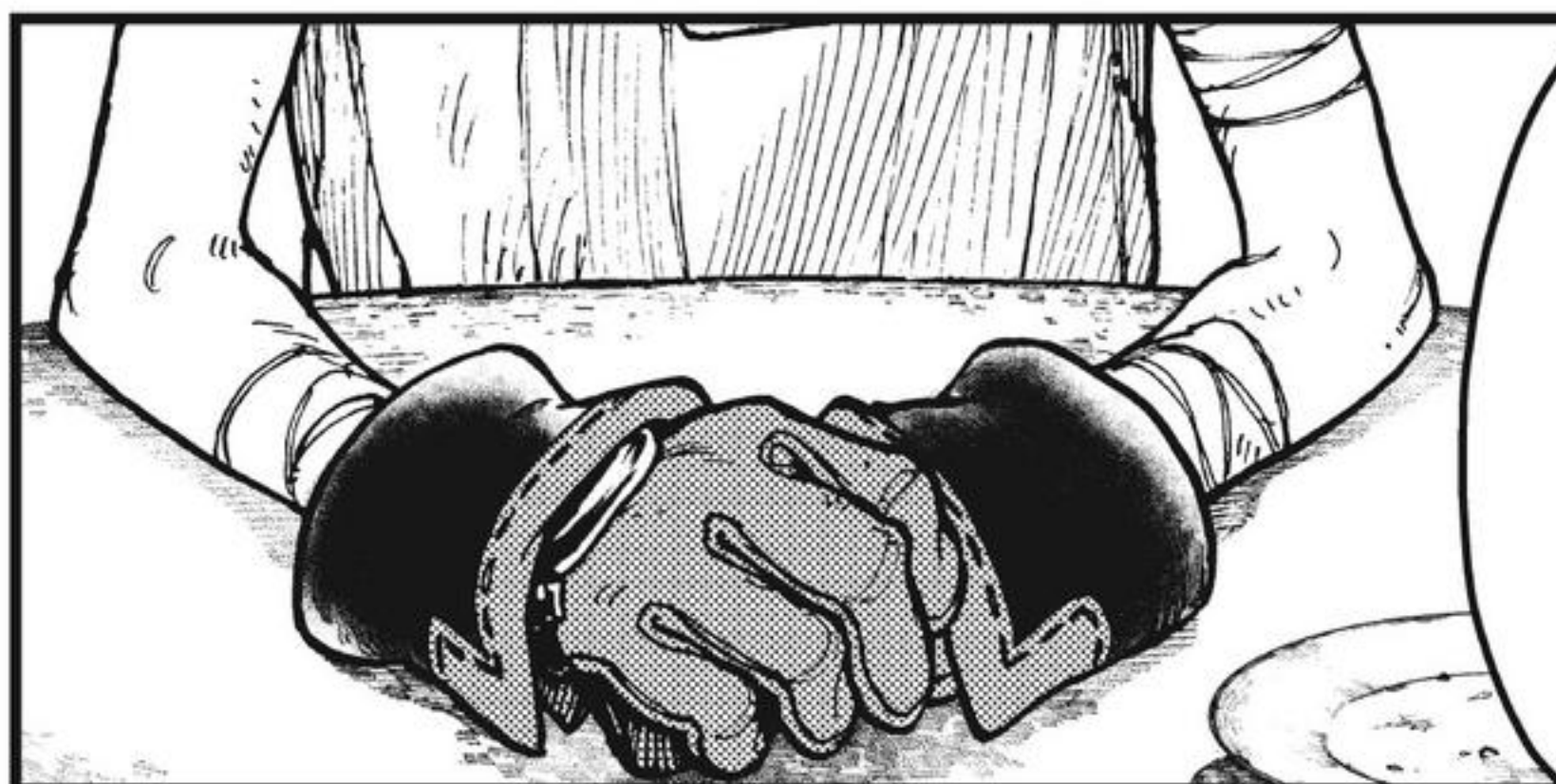


...

I
SEE...



...THE
ONLY
MEMENTO
OF HIM I
HAVE
LEFT.



AT A GLANCE,
THEY MAY SEEM
OLD AND BEAT UP,
BUT IT'S OBVIOUS
THEY'VE BEEN
WELL LOVED.

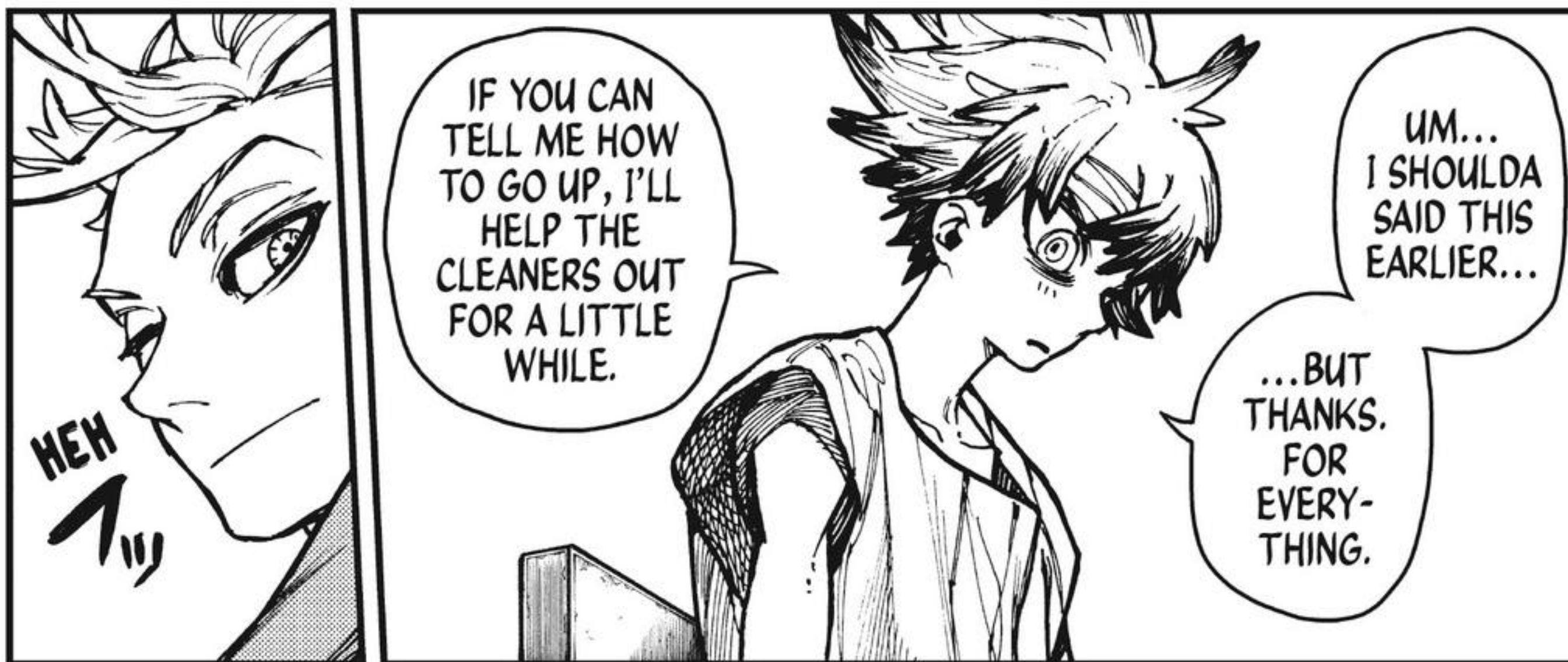
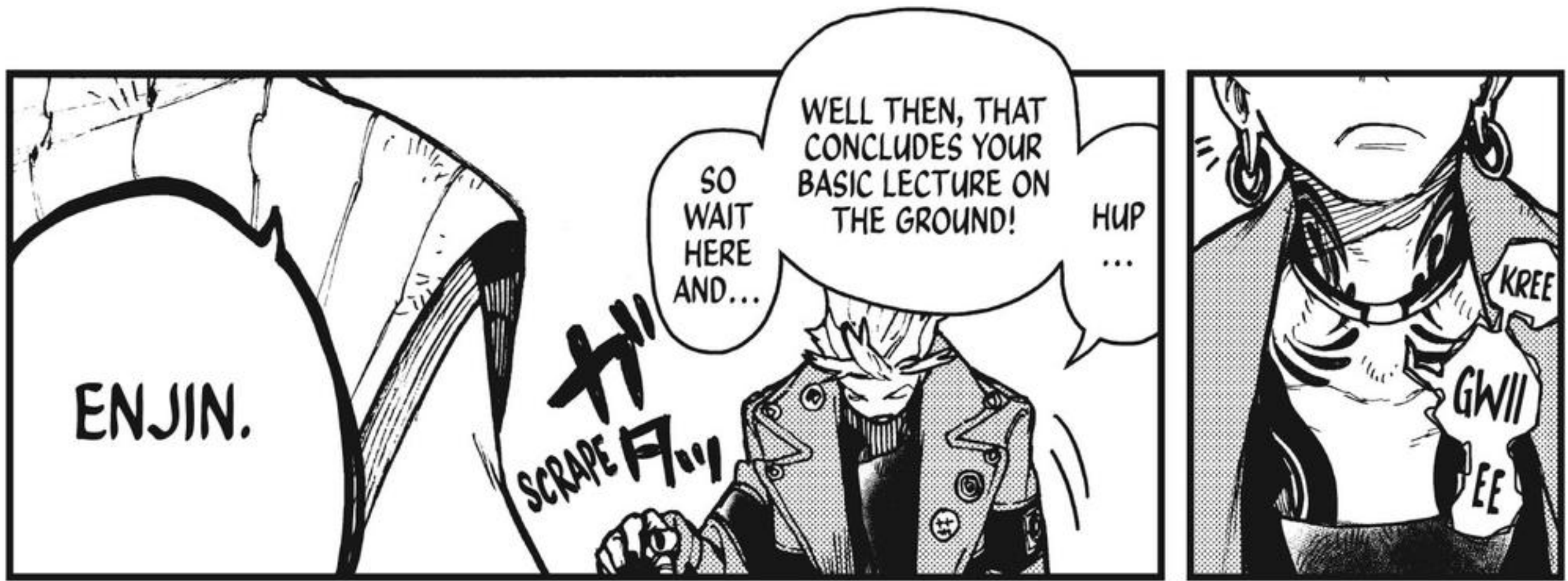
THERE
ARE LOTS OF
PEOPLE WHO
CAN'T DO
EVEN THAT.

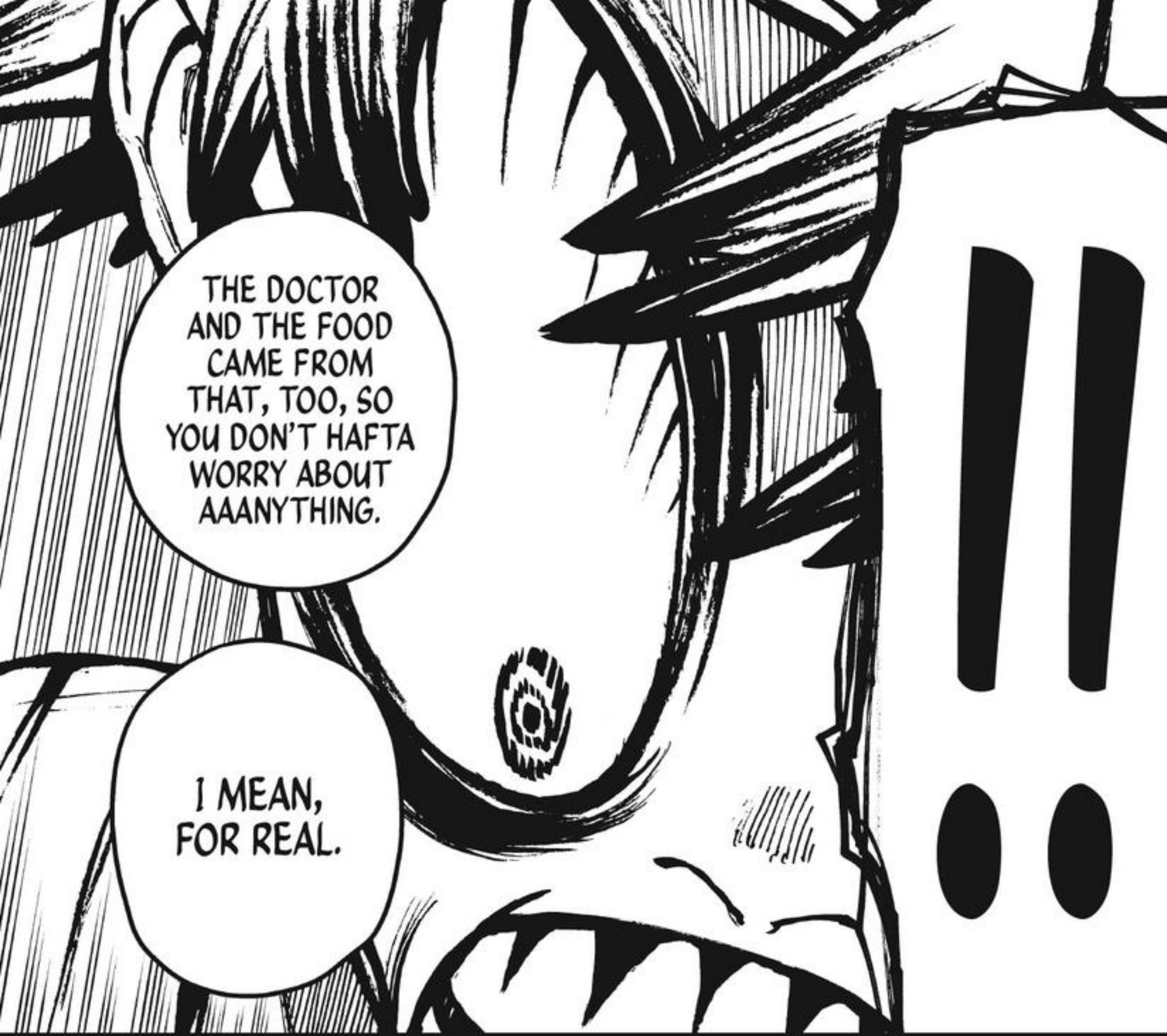
"CONSISTENTLY
TAKE CARE OF
THE THINGS YOU
CARE ABOUT..."

ALWAYS
TAKE GOOD
CARE OF
THEM.

THEY'RE
NICE GLOVES.
THEY'VE GOT
SOUL.







THE DOCTOR
AND THE FOOD
CAME FROM
THAT, TOO, SO
YOU DON'T HAFTA
WORRY ABOUT
AAANYTHING.

I MEAN,
FOR REAL.



AND IT
TOOK
YOU LONG
ENOUGH.

NOT LIKE
YOU CAN WEAR
SPHEREITE
CLOTHES DOWN
HERE ANYWAY,
SO WHAT'S THE
PROBLEM?

I'M
GONNA
KICK
YOUR ASS,
DAMMIT!!

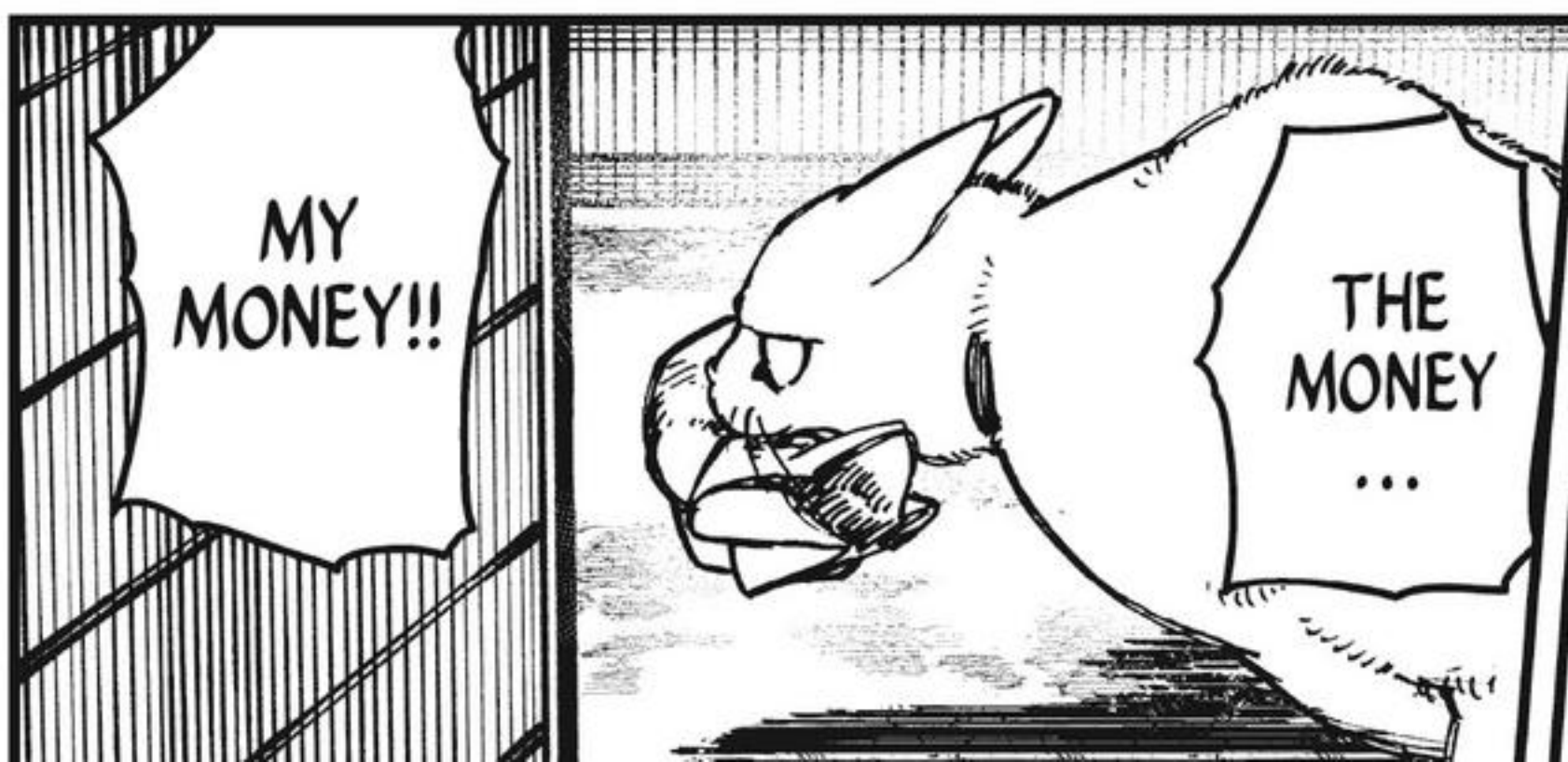


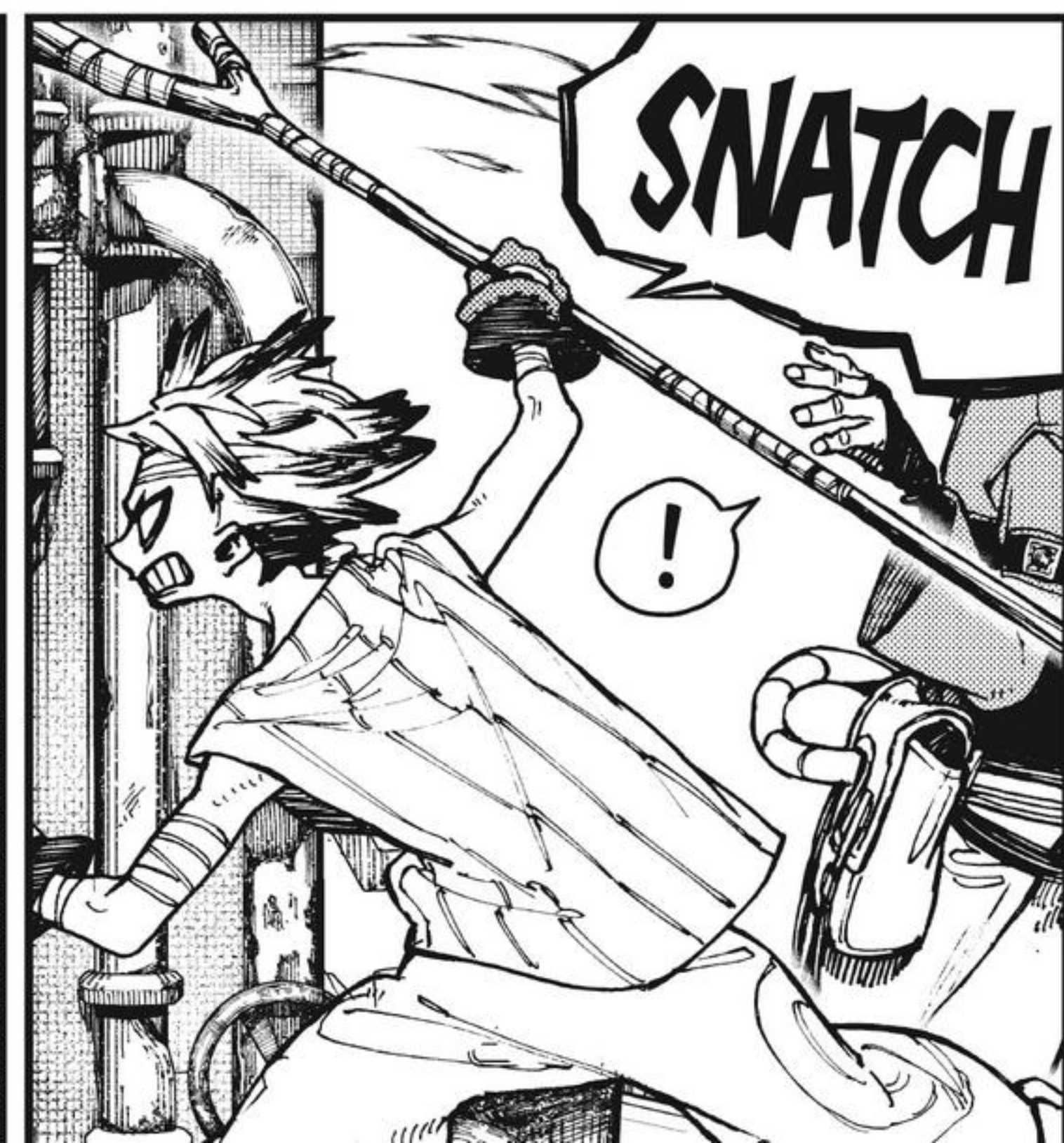
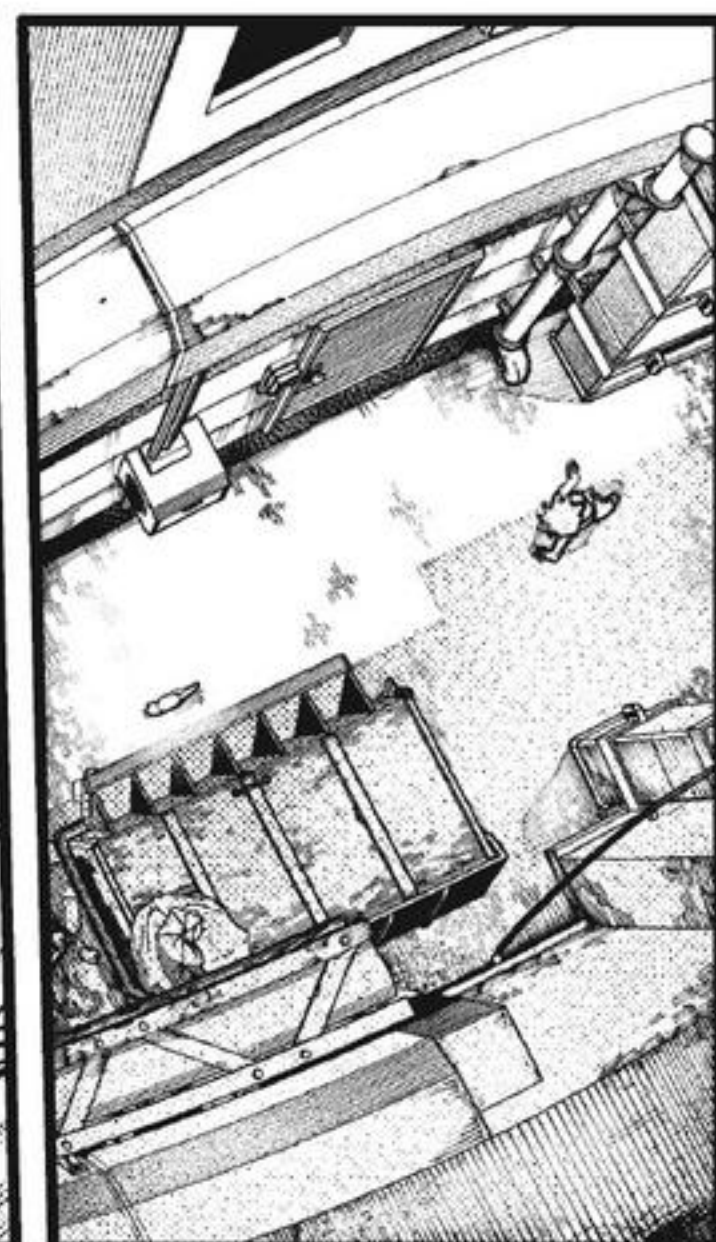
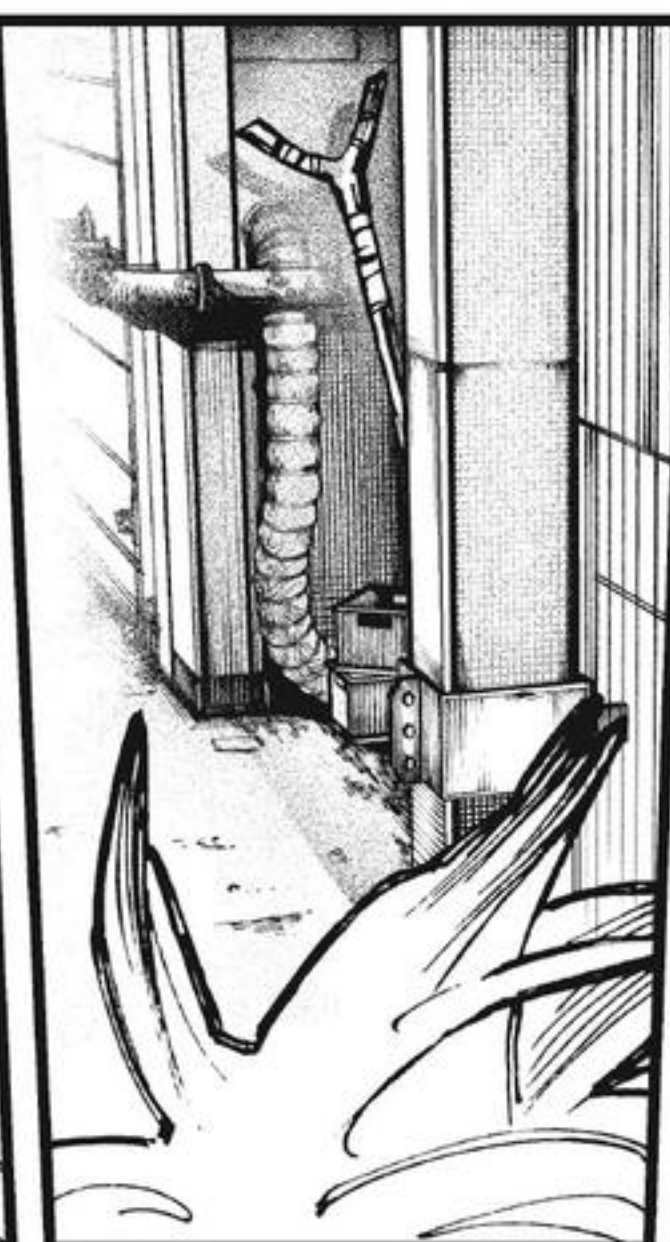
YOU
WAIT
RIGHT
HERE.



MM'KAY,
NOW I'M
GONNA GO
MEET UP
WITH YOUR
TEACHER.

SERIOUSLY,
ARE YOU
ALWAYS
LIKE THIS?!









GIVE
IT
BACK...

...YA
LITTLE
SHIT.



NOT
DAT.

WHAT
KINDA
CRAZY
SS—

THIS
IS MY
MONEY.



WHAT'RE
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?



I MEAN
DA
STICK.

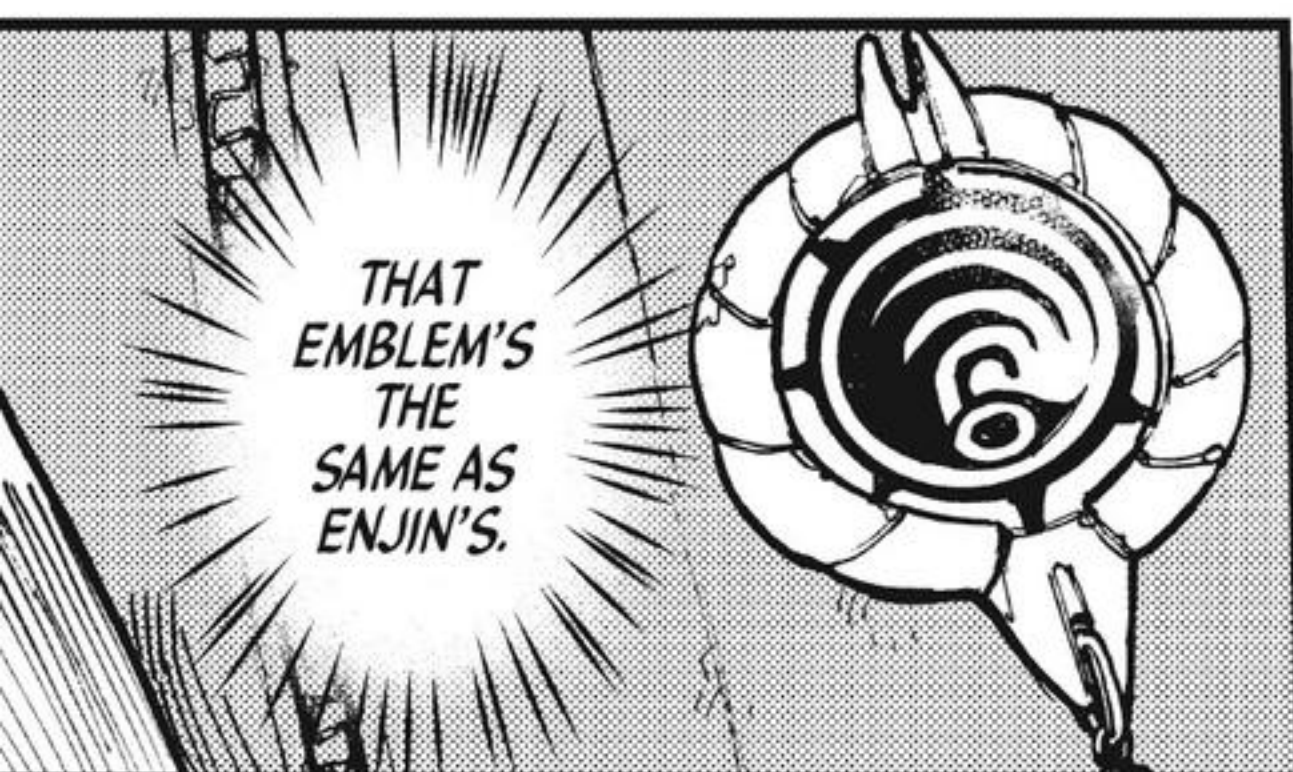


IT'S
JUST A
STICK...



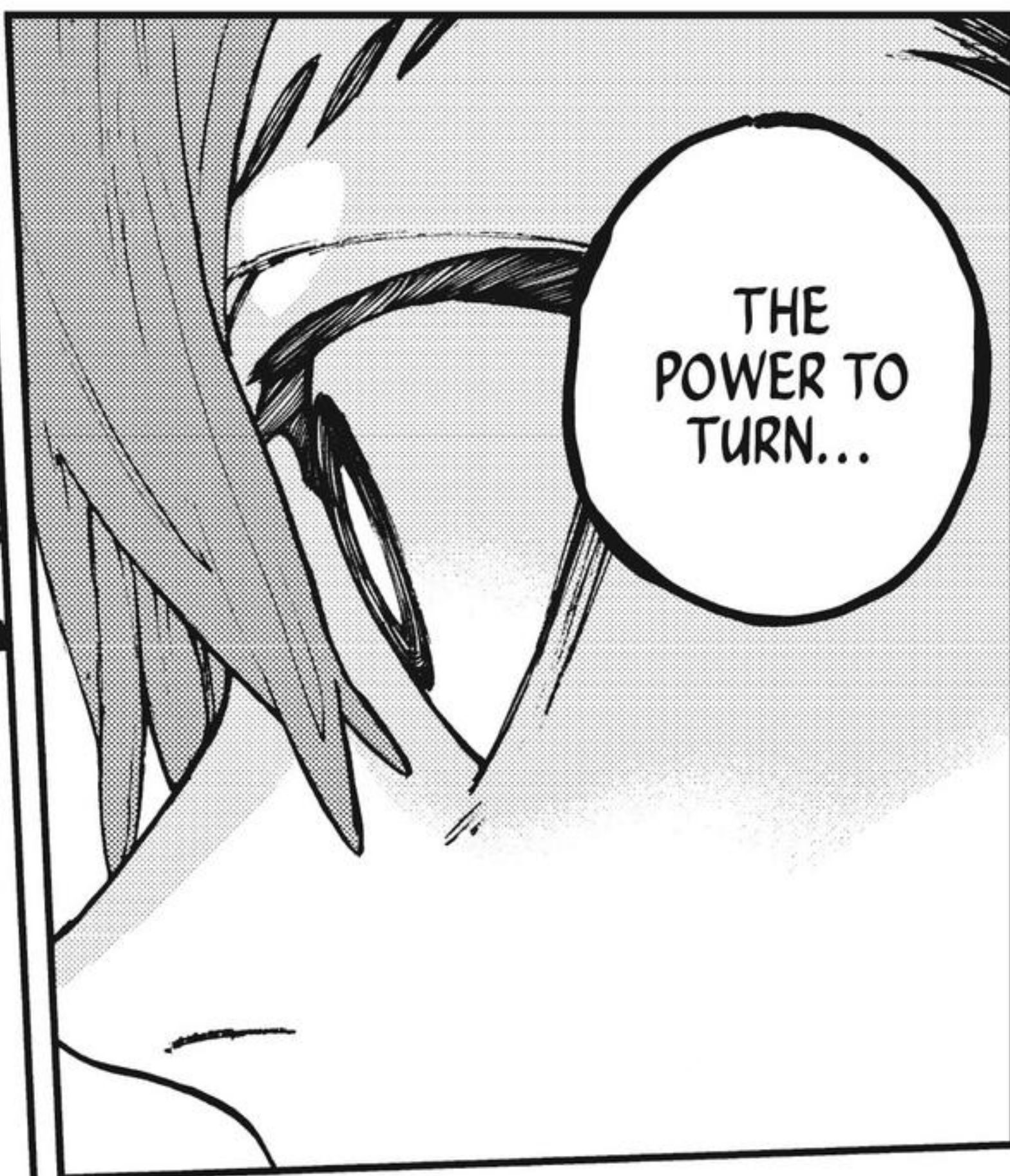
HUH?

THIS...?





RUDDO'S TRUE POWER IS REVEALED



THE
POWER TO
TURN...



...ANYTHIN'
YA TOUCH
INTO A VITAL
INSTRU-
MENT—

**AND HE WINDS UP GETTING HIS HANDS
ON A SERIOUSLY DANGEROUS ITEM!**

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